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I wish to express my objections to the proposed changes in the assessment of fines in the Mine Safety & Health CFR. I am a small business owner, operating a granite dimension stone quarry. I employ 6 people. Any kind of additional overhead expenses at this time is pushing owners like me to the edge of elimination. Cheap foreign imports are stealing business away from us every day.

The CFR contains so many rules and regulations that it would be almost impossible for an inspector to come on this job site and leave without writing at least one Citation. As you know, the point system proposed can make even one citation a very big pill to swallow. We ask that you issue a variance for small dimension stone quarries. Don't penalize us for some others' misfortunes.

In my opinion, the assessments are excessive and will discourage development of existing operations. We ask that the time allowed for comments from the public be extended. Many people are not aware of the proposal.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John E. Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive style.

John E. Campbell  
Pres./Owner