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Dear Senator Bryant,

Imagine you woke up and learned a limestone mine was moving in next door.

That's exactly what happened to residents in Earle, a tiny town in Williamsburg County near Andrews (population 2,800).

Like me, and like many of you, kids in the Earle community grow up hunting, fishing and exploring. The town is pieced together with parcels of family land and cemeteries, small businesses, Baptist churches and the Black River, which is home to the endangered Atlantic sturgeon.

Residents were shocked when they learned that an out-of-state company had bought nearly 1,000 acres and applied for permits to construct a dry limestone

mining operation.

If approved, the mine threatens to dry wells, spur sinkholes and release millions of gallons of contaminated groundwater into Murray Swamp, which flows into the Black River. Earle residents worry about noise and air pollution caused by heavy truck traffic and blasting, and about their children and quality of life.

**On this Giving Tuesday, can you help the Conservation League stand up with coastal communities like Earle?**

With your support, we are working to stop the mine. The Conservation League and our partners have organized meetings with elected officials and a rally ahead of a public hearing. We supported letter-writing campaigns and urged state and federal agencies to oppose the project.

In 2019, the Conservation League will continue to protect families like yours from environmental threats and fight for your right to clean and abundant water.

**Today only, you can help us reach our \$10,000 goal and secure an additional \$5,000 from a generous Board member. Please consider a gift, no matter how big or small.**

Yours in conservation,

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