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Quarries address problems

Remember, dear readers, that quarries do not create problems — they address them. The need for new material is driven by where people decide to live. Companies like Granite understand that protecting the environment is good business. As long as we have roads, houses, schools, hospitals, shopping centers and everything else that needs to be maintained or built in the future, we are going to need materials to do the job.

We can't do anything about the polluting barges that are bringing material in now or the trucks at the ports that are hauling hundreds of miles through our area. I am darn glad that there is a company who is making the effort to produce these necessary resources locally, to ensure that we have access to needed reserves for many years to come and who care enough to deliver these resources in a responsible and environmentally sustainable way.

Adding more barges doesn't solve any problems. It just ensures that our aggregate needs will be someone else's economic development project, instead of ours. We need the jobs, the revenue and the resources here locally.

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