

Organizational sign-on letter: Deadline midnight, June 6, 2018

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Say No to Canadian & U.S. lobbying on behalf of *Tahoe Resources* in Guatemala

The U.S. and Canadian governments - that have virtually NEVER even commented on human rights violations, violent repression and evictions, and other illegal actions committed by various U.S. and Canadian mining companies in Guatemala – are openly advocating on behalf of Tahoe Resources, investors and shareholders, in complicated (and dangerous) legal matters making their painstaking way through Guatemala's corrupted legal system.

Please read the information below and send your organizational sign-on to Becky Kaump of NISGUA (becky@niscua.org) by midnight June 6.

Please share this information on down the line ...



(Alex Reynoso, father of Topacio Reynoso (who was assassinated by Tahoe Resources linked repression), shows scars from two separate attempts on his life. Photo: LA Times, Dec.27, 2017)



(Topacio Reynoso, assassinated April 13, 2014. Photo: LA Times, Dec.27, 2017)

Background articles

- “Why Guatemalan Indigenous Communities Are Fighting a Canadian Mining Giant. No prior consent for damaging silver mine, say Xinka people”, by Quelvin Jiménez, June 4, 2018, [TheTye.ca](https://thetyee.ca/Opinion/2018/06/04/Guatemalans-Fighting-Canadian-Mining-Giant/), <https://thetyee.ca/Opinion/2018/06/04/Guatemalans-Fighting-Canadian-Mining-Giant/>
- “‘If we’re attacked, we’ll die together,’ a teenage anti-mining activist told her family. But when the bullets came, they killed only her”, By [KATE LINTHICUM](#), Dec. 27, 2017, LA Times, <http://www.latimes.com/world/la-fg-environmental-activists-guatemala-20171227-htmlstory.html>

Say NO to Canadian and U.S. government pro-Tahoe Resources lobbying

Last year, 40 human rights and environmental justice organizations in wrote the US and Canadian embassies, demanding they stand up for human rights defenders exercising their right to peaceful protest against Tahoe Resources' Escobal silver mine. We also urged them to stay out of the legal battle that is currently being decided by the Guatemalan Constitutional Court over the indigenous Xinka communities' right to consultation in the Escobal mine case.

We need to push them again and hold them accountable for their intervention in the Guatemalan judicial system!

Tahoe Resources has been lobbying the US and Canadian governments for months and it is starting to pay off. Last week, the US embassy took a stand, issuing a public statement, highlighted the importance of a "stable investment climate" to be able to exploitation natural resources for economic development in Guatemala. In this context, they urged the Constitutional Court to make expeditious decision, but made no mention of the importance of community processes for self-determination. We think that this is reprehensible.

Please join us and the Coalition Against Unjust Mining in Guatemala (CAMIGUA) in telling the US that this is unacceptable and demanding they retract the statement by signing the letter to US ambassador, Luis Arreaga and Canadian ambassador, Deborah Chatsis.

Here, you will find the letter in English, followed by a timeline of Tahoe Resources lobby efforts and US intervention in Guatemala. I've also included a copy of the letter translated into Spanish.

- <https://nigua.org/wp-content/uploads/Letter-to-US-Embassy-May2018.pdf>
- <https://nigua.org/wp-content/uploads/Carta-a-embajada-mayo2018.pdf>

Send your organizational sign-ons to Becky Kaump (NISGUA) at: becky@nigua.org.

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To support the development, human rights and environmental defense, and emergency relief work of community groups in Honduras and Guatemala - like the Xinka and non-indigenous communities resisting the violence, environmental harms and human rights violations linked to Tahoe Resources - working and struggling for justice and fundamental political and economic transformation from the local to national to global levels, make check payable to "Rights Action" and mail to:

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