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Mr Kuhle:

It is our understanding that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has begun the scoping process for the Donlin Gold LLC project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and is accepting comments to be considered and used to help identify concerns and benefits of the project in the draft EIS. I am writing to express our support for inclusion of social and economic benefits, and other potential opportunities that development of Donlin Gold may create, in the EIS. Mining provides long term, safe, stable, high paying jobs for Alaskans and Donlin Gold would be no exception, providing outstanding jobs to people in an area without much economic hope. This project will offer tremendous opportunities to the people in the region and royalties paid to the Kuskokwim Corporation and Calista Corporation will in part be redistributed to other regional and village corporations.

Donlin's project description demonstrates an understanding of environmental concerns, and features vigorous environmental management principles. This is in line with the state's existing operating mines which operate at the highest standards and continue to do so in accord with wise management of important renewable resources.

Sincerely, Anna

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