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Dear Mr. Kuhle:

I'm very pleased to see that the Donlin Gold project is moving forward. It would be a huge benefit for a region of Alaska that currently has few economic opportunities. This project would create a lot of well-paying jobs in a region that desperately needs them. Long term opportunities are needed if we want the rural villages to be able to survive and the young people from the rural areas to be able to find local employment and stay in their region.

Aside from the benefit of new jobs, this project will bring in new infrastructure development that will present new opportunities to expand into other areas within the region. There is a good chance that opportunities for lower cost energy and freight for the region will come about as the infrastructure is developed.

In this age of technology and environmental consciousness, projects like this can be developed to operate at the high environmental and social standards that the State regulators and local people want and expect. During the exploration phase, Donlin has demonstrated their commitment to responsible development and protecting the subsistence resources. They have shown that they are committed to doing this project responsibly and being a positive part of the local community.

This is a huge opportunity for a rural economically depressed area of Alaska. I encourage the Corps to efficiently move this process along to allow for timely development of this project.

Sincerely,


Jerry Birch