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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the Donlin Gold project which is currently in EIS process. I have lived in Alaska since 1973 and spent a number of summers at placer gold mines on the Steese Highway near Central, Alaska. Mining and the production of gold is literally what put Alaska "on the map", and is a way of life for many in this State. Whether small scale family claims or large scale mining operations, the ability to develop mines in this State is of great economic benefit to all Alaskans. It is estimated that this site may have the potential to produce gold in excess of 25 years. It will provide job opportunities, not only regionally to Alaska Native corporations and shareholders (where such opportunities are limited), but statewide for several decades. Rural Alaskans will be provided an opportunity to develop skills enabling them not only to continue living in rural Alaska, but to prosper. Royalties paid to the Kuskokwim Corporation and Calista Corporation will in part be redistributed to other regional and village corporations through 7(I) and 7(J) distributions.

Certainly, any resource develop must be responsibly evaluated and implemented. The EIS process provides Alaskans, and other stakeholders, an opportunity to review the project documents and provide comment and input. I encourage the Corps during this process to give due consideration to the social and economic benefits of this project, the potential it offers for lower cost energy options to the region and to take steps to ensure that this process is done in an timely and efficient manner.

Alaska has a proven track record at existing mines such as Ft. Knox, Pogo, Red Dog and Kensington which are all operating at the highest standards and harmoniously with the environment and our renewable resources. The State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources stringently enforces the regulations overseeing mining activities at each of these sites. Additionally, the Donlin Gold project proposal demonstrates a thorough understanding and respect for the environmental concerns we all have which include wildlife, human health and related impacts as well as the regulations governing the industry.

Again, I support this project, believe it is vital to all residents of this great State and respectfully urge a prompt and thorough EIS process.

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