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## Mr. Kuhle:

Please consider the points below in the scoping process for the Donlin Project.

- 1. The Donlin Gold project could produce gold for 27.5 years, while providing well paying jobs in a region where few other opportunities exist.
- The State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources enforces stringent regulations overseeing mining activities statewide that effectively protect the environment, wildlife, and human health.
- 3. New mining operations in the area, should they come to fruition, can be of great economic benefit to Alaska and local communities, as well as Alaska Native corporations and shareholders.
- 4. This project will likely provide responsible economic prospects for this region and for Alaska, while protecting the subsistence resources.
- 5. The energy infrastructure (gas pipeline) to support this project may open the door for lower cost energy solutions in the region.
- 6. The EIS process gives Alaskans and other stakeholders adequate time to fully review the project documents, and to provide input on the plans.
- 7. The project will benefit Alaska Native corporations statewide. Royalties paid to The Kuskokwim Corporation and Calista Corporation will in part be redistributed to other regional and village corporations.
- 8. The project will offer long-term opportunities for rural Alaskans to develop skills and to enable them to not only continue living in rural Alaska, but to prosper.
- 9. Donlin's project description demonstrates an understanding of environmental concerns, and features vigorous environmental management principles.
- 10. Alaska's existing mines are operating to the highest standards and in harmony with our renewable resources.

Regards,



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