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To Whom It May Concern;

My name is Maria Macar Sattler, I am 49 years old and a resident of Stony River, Alaska, on the Kuskokwim River.

I was born and raised on the Kuskokwim River and have been a resident of Stony River Village all my life. For most of my life there was no well paid employment opportunity for the people of Stony River. The few employment opportunities were part time with the school and seasonal with other agencies. It was very difficult to support a family or get ahead in life.

Things changed when the Donlin Creek project started. Good employment began to be available: I and many others in our area were able to get steady well paid jobs. I was able to buy my own house and pay for it. I was able to provide necessities for my children and pay for travel for medical and educational needs.

Many households in our economically deprived area were finally able to purchase the means to better utilize the subsistence resources upon which they have always depended.

The quality of life has improved greatly in our area because of mining development.

I have attended many informational presentations about mining and the methods used in modern mining. I am convinced that mineral development can be done in an environmentally safe manner and that the safeguards and regulation put in place by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and the Department of Natural Resources are adequate to protect the environment and human health.

I strongly support approval of DonlinGolds applications for approval of continued development of the Donlin Creek project.

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