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To whom it may concern;

I am writing to request that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being developed for the Donlin Gold project include information about the potential economic and social benefits of the project. This region of rural Alaska suffers from a lack of economic opportunities for the residents. This situation combined with the very high cost of living driven by high energy and transportation costs have contributed to declining populations in rural communities. The benefits of many new jobs and the possibility of lower cost energy are important features of this project. In addition, although difficult to measure, experience in rural Alaska has shown that having a decent paying job improves an individual's feeling of self-worth and tends to reduce some of the social disruption such as alcohol abuse and sexual and physical assault.

Thank you for your consideration.

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