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I am writing to encourage a timely and efficient process for the Donlin Gold project. The seven existing large producing mines in Alaska are operating to the highest standards and in harmony with our renewable resources. This is in part due to the EIS process that gives Alaskans and other stakeholders adequate time to fully review and project documents and provide input on the plans, the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources enforcing stringent regulations overseeing mining activities statewide that effectively protect the environment, wildlife, and human health, and the rigorous review by the National Environmental Policy Act. The Donlin Gold Project's description demonstrates they to have an understanding of environmental concerns, and features vigorous environmental management principles.

The Donlin Gold project could produce gold for 27.5 years, providing well-paying jobs in a region where few opportunities exist. This will be of great economic benefit to the local communities, the Alaska Native corporations and shareholders as well as the state of Alaska. Royalties paid to the Kuskokwin Corporation and Calista Corporation will in part be redistributed to other regional and village corporations. Through their local hire commitment, this project will provide long-term opportunities for rural Alaskans to develop skills enabling them to continue living in rural Alaska and prosper. The combination of allowing rural Alaskans to continue living in rural Alaska and the income from the project should lead to reduced out-migration, helping to maintain rural schools. In addition, the energy infrastructure (gas pipeline and power plants), as well as the roads, airstrip and barge landings supporting this project may open the door for much needed lower cost energy solutions in the region.

I support the Donlin Gold project, I feel it will provide much needed economic growth while protecting subsistence resources.

Sincerely,

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