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To: donlingoldeis, POA
Subject: [EXTERNAL] re: Donlin Gold Mine / attn: Keith Gordon

To whom it may concern and Mr. Keith Gordon

I am writing this email in reference to the Donlin Gold Mine that is currently being reviewed by US Army Corps of Engineers.

As a lifelong Alaskan and a person committed to our State and it's well-being, I am respectfully asking that the Corps of Engineers give this project a favorable review and support it in it's entirety. We are a state in the middle of a disastrous economy and we as a state are in desperate need for projects like this to help revive and /or save our economy.

I have attended many of the meetings presented by Donlin and they have more than impressed and shown to me that they could and would operate this mine to the highest of standards and insure the safety of their personnel and the lands surrounding it.

Additionally, as the Federal Government continues to remove the badly needed funding for Rural Alaskans this type of project would help offset and dramatically help those who desperately need work, and enable them to continue to have their subsistence lifestyle and activities. Which they should as they've earned it! If this project were to receive a "no" from your group, it would be disastrous for the region, the people, the state and our economy here in Alaska.

A "yes" would help with living costs, job opportunities, monies for schools, and cultural expansion for those in that region.

There are so many other positives that will result from this project which include but are not limited to:

New / additional mining opportunities

Lower gas costs (as the donlin pipeline will offer excess that could be sold / used by rural area(s)

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs that provide good / high pay that you rarely (if ever) see in these remote regions

I'm confident that the US Corps of Engineers can and will see that this is the RIGHT project for Alaska and for Alaskans. Please do us proud and do the right thing by approving and providing a favorable review of the Donlin Gold Project

Respectfully

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