

May 19, 2016



Mr. Keith Gordon, Project Manager  
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Attn: CEPOA-RD-Gordon

Dear Mr. Gordon,

I am a Calista Shareholder from Akiachak and have 2 children who will be enrolling as shareholders in the next few years. I am writing to support the Donlin Gold DEIS because we need jobs in the region. The mine will have a hiring preference for Calista shareholders and my children will have the opportunity to work at the mine. In addition, we will get dividends from the proceeds of the mine. We need this money to do subsistence as we cannot buy gas, guns and shells without money.

The average salary for a truck driver is estimated to be around \$100,000 per year. That is a lot of money and can enable us to buy a boat, snowmachine and other supplies so that we can go out and supplement our store bought food. We don't like to eat only kass'aq food because it is not our spiritual food. If we continue the way we are now, depending on welfare to exist, once the federal funds are not here anymore, we will be forced to move away to make a living for our families. I don't want that for my family.

Donlin Gold has been coming to our village for years and let us know what they are going to do at the mine. I believe it can be done safely as new technology is not the same as the old mining ways. The new regulations will safeguard our environment and I know the people working at Donlin are from the region and want to protect our environment too!

I ask that you let the Donlin Gold DEIS go forward because it will enable us to stay in our region for many years to come.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melanie Alexie".

Melanie Alexie

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