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To whom it may concern:

My name is Michael Asicksik and I grew up in a Yup'ik culture in Tununak, on a coast where salmon is the most important food source. I help catch fish for these food sources every summer in Tununak to fill my parents freezers so my family and I could survive throughout the winter.

I am against Donlin Gold mining because there could be a risky chance of oil leakage. That's not the only reason why I'm against Donlin Gold mining. The miners are going to tear up the wildlife land just for gold and money. The Barrick Gold owns this company and it is a gold mining corporation. The mining project could harm the wildlife forever and endanger the animals around the area which could lead to not having subsistence food for our future generations.

First of all, Donlin Gold is sending oil barges to the Kuskokwim River. Oil leakage is severely risky. Oil leakage affects animals and plants because the oil has chemicals that are poisonous. Oil leakage can also affect organisms from internal exposure or inhalation and external exposure through skin and eye irritation. For example, this is just like having a lot of trash in the ocean and animals suffocating from the plastic that wraps around them. Then, sooner or later, they die.

Secondly, the mining companies just have jobs of tearing up land for gold and money and not only for money they also tear up land for fun. They also take advantage of their job too because it just doesn't

matter to them. The Donlin Gold mining project shouldn't develop a mine pit that's more than five hundred feet deep because when they are done mining they're just going to leave the pit alone to have it "recover".

The miners aren't just tearing up any land, they're tearing up a wildlife environment and a huge chunk of it, an environmental ecosystem where our salmon spawn. The wildlife could be harmed forever and be endangered. The oil spill that could happen could also cause deforestation (extinction) and release toxic into the soil and water. The effect still continues even after the toxic is removed.

These are the reasons why I am against the Donlin Gold mine. I want our salmon to not be endangered by the oil because I love salmon. I honestly think tearing up the land and wildlife to put a mine pit wouldn't be such a great idea cause when they're done what animals will come back? I know our salmon wouldn't if oil leakages happen.

Sincerely,

Michael Asicksik