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See attached comments regarding the subject EIS.

Regards,

Randy Barnes

May 2, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm am writing this letter in the hopes that the Donlin gold project becomes a reality. Alaska is at a critical juncture. Low oil prices and low reserves are devastating economies around the State. Our villages, already hurting due to a lack of jobs, will be the most negatively affected. Anyone who has spent time in rural Alaska can attest to the rampant unemployment and sky high prices our villagers face. It is critical that new sources of jobs and revenues be created and the Donlin project will do both.

Tens of millions of dollars have already been invested in the local communities and Donlin has gone above and beyond to make sure local people are involved in the planning process. Alaskans should look at the successes of other large mines in the state. From Fort Knox, Greens Creek, Red Dog, Pogo, Valdez Creek, etc., Alaska mines have gainfully employed thousands of people and have been stewards of the environment.

The Donlin project will employ as many as 3,000 people during construction and another 1,000 during operations. Money generated will not only fuel the local economies but help all native corporations thru revenue sharing. This money will be wisely invested and grown to take care of future generations.

A major solution to our economic woes lies literally right under our feet. Please let Alaskans responsibly develop their own natural resources and let the Donlin project move forward.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randy Barnes', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Randy Barnes  
Alaska Resident