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To who it may concern,

Please support Alternative 2, Donlin Gold's proposed project. Lack of development will have a negative social and economic impact on the Yukon Kuskokwim region, particularly as the Alaska economy retracts.

Rural Alaska is being impacted most by the reduction of state and federal dollars. Alternative 1 (the no project alternative) would have a negative impact on the region, and all of Alaska.

1. 3,000 construction jobs for 4 years and between 600 to 1,200 jobs for the 27.5Kyear estimated life of mine, will have a significant and positive impact on the economy of the region and the state.
2. The jobs and the economic benefits provided by Donlin Gold would help sustain communities in the Yukon Kuskokwim region and fund traditional subsistence activities.
3. New, high paying jobs will allow more residents to remain in the region and finance the purchase of supplies needed to maintain their traditional way of life for generations to come.
4. The proposed natural gas pipeline will have excess capacity should there be an interest in accessing natural gas to address the energy needs of the region.

Thank You

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