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I wish to voice my support for the Donlin Gold project. As a life-long Alaskan, I firmly believe that responsible resource development is a crucial component for Alaska's economic future, especially as the state enters a period of declining oil revenues and uncertainty in the petroleum industry.

The Donlin mine prospect is an especially exciting prospect in the region where the mine location is planned, a part of the state that has historically seen little to no sustained economic opportunity and is one of the most impoverished regions in Alaska. The mine represents potential for long term jobs providing a living wage. The infrastructure and ongoing operations at the mine will provide economic stability not before seen in the region.

As a manager of an Alaskan marine company, I am confident that the proposed barge system will operate safely and efficiently with as little impact on the river and the eco system as possible. Donlin has thoroughly vetted the marine logistic plan for nearly 20 years and during that period have maintained a consistent dialogue with the Alaska Marine industry for their input and expertise. The proposed marine equipment will be well suited for the project utilizing shallow draft vessels along with an established and proven multi barge system currently in use at various river and marine highway locations around the globe. Operations will be carefully coordinated and open communication with other users of the river will be established to ensure safe transit for all during the barge season.

The Donlin mine is an exciting project that can potentially provide tremendous economic stability in an impoverished region. This project has been studied and vetted for nearly 20 years and represents the kind of responsible development/ large scale project sorely needed in a state that is currently struggling with today's fiscal realities.

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