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To whom it my concern,

I am sending this email to voice my support for the development of the Donlin Gold Project. The following bullets have been distributed to Alaska Industry Support Alliance members as talking points of why the Donlin Gold Project should come to fruition. I agree with every point listed below and the Project has my support. The State of Alaska needs resource development such as this for a stronger economy and revenue to support our Government.

- The Donlin Gold project could produce gold for 27.5 years, while providing HIGH paying jobs in a region where few other opportunities exist.
- The State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources enforces stringent regulations overseeing mining activities statewide that effectively protect the environment, wildlife, and human health.
- New mining operations in the area, should they come to fruition, can be of great economic benefit to Alaska and local communities, as well as Alaska Native corporations and shareholders.
- This project will provide responsible economic prospects for this region and for Alaska, while protecting the subsistence resources.
- The proposed pipeline in Alternative 2 is designed to minimize impacts on the Iditarod National Historic Trail. There would be insignificant impacts to the trail and no impacts to the Iditarod Sled Dog race.
- Construction of the gas pipeline would be sensitive to the timing of the Iditarod and Iron Dog races as well as hunting season.
- The EIS process gives Alaskans and other stakeholders adequate time to fully review the project documents, and to provide input on the plans.
- The project will offer long-term opportunities for rural Alaskans to develop skills and to enable them to continue living in rural Alaska and to prosper.
- An estimated 3,000 jobs will be created during the approximate four-year construction phase, and between 600 to 1,200 jobs for the estimated mine life of 27.5 years. These jobs will have a significant and positive impact on the economy of the region and the state.
- Donlin Gold's project description demonstrates an understanding of environmental concerns, and features vigorous environmental management principles.
- Alaska's existing mines are operating to the highest standards and in harmony with our renewable resources.
- Potential for lower cost energy options to the region exist, such as the proposed natural gas pipeline which will have excess capacity.
- Job opportunities which will likely lead to reduced out-migration, helping to maintain rural schools and culture, including traditional ways of life.

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