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Mr. Gordon,

Attached is my May 25, 2016 letter supporting Alternative 2 in the Donlin Gold Project EIS.

Sincerely,

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Re: Support for Donlin Gold Project

Dear Mr. Gordon,

I support Alternative 2 of the proposed Donlin Gold Project. This project will benefit all Alaska Native Corporations thru ANCSA 7(i) payments which are further distributed to village corporations thru 7(j). This will also benefit the struggling state economy with new tax revenues being paid to the State of Alaska, as well as infusions of cash across the state by other means.

The Donlin Gold Project has already provided vocational training and employment opportunities to those in our state who may not have been afforded that without it, and is expected to continue to do the same in the future. Approximately 600 to 1,200 jobs will be created as a result of the construction and also during the operational phase for the residents of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Region. The estimated mine life is 27.5 years. Annual wages would be in the millions, statewide, as a result.

Donlin Gold's project description demonstrates an understanding of environmental concerns which are inherent in this type of project. The project plan features vigorous environmental management principles and validates Donlin Gold's commitment to responsible planning and execution.

I cannot emphasize enough how the impoverished Y-K Region will benefit from this project. The creation of job opportunities coupled with the likely reduction of out-migration will help to maintain its rich culture, provide better rural education and maintain traditional ways of life in the Kuskokwim region and surrounding areas.

I strongly support the Donlin Gold project as set out in Alternative 2 to develop Alaska's land and resources, and strengthen our weakening economy.

Sincerely,

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