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Attn: CEPOA-RD-Gordon

I am a lifelong resident of the Yukon Kuskokwim region of Alaska and write today to support the Donlin Gold Mine project Draft EIS under your consideration.

I support the project for the jobs it will bring to my region. Ours is one of the poorest regions of the state and desperately needs a project that will have a positive economic impact.

Like all the residents in the region, I have concerns about the potential impacts to our environment and our subsistence lifestyle. But I believe the company has taken steps towards safety.

I have appreciated the openness of the Donlin employees to work with our people and hear their concerns. I went on a tour of the Barrick's Golden Sunlight Mine to see first hand what the mining process was all about. It gave me a better understanding of what Donlin Gold is proposing. I can see that modern techniques will reduce the risks and trust the Donlin Gold Project will move forward while being responsible to protect the environment. For these reasons I am hopeful you will look favorably on the Draft EIS so the project can move forward.

Sincerely,

Sam Chimegalrea

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sam Chimegalrea".