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I strongly support Alternative 2, Donlin Gold's proposed project. The Donlin Gold project is a rare opportunity to improve the local economy where few other opportunities exist. If this project does not go forward, lack of development will continue the negative social and economic climate of the Yukon Kuskokwim region, particularly as the Alaska economy retracts.

Donlin could produce gold for 27.5 years, while providing well-paying jobs. The region experiences some of the highest unemployment rates in the State, with little other employment opportunities. Through the exploration stages, Donlin has shown a strong commitment to local hire as well as showing support to communities and cultures in the region. Alaskan village communities desperately need cash economies that these types of projects provide to instill pride in self worth by providing a viable option dependence on State and public assistance.

The development of Alaska mineral resources and protection of the the environment is not an either or judgement as the stilted environmental conversation would have you to believe. Impacts to wetlands would be negligible in a State where far less than 1% of its wetlands has been developed to date. The project will be scrutinized under a rigorous permitting process that reviews and analyzes all potential impacts. Alaska currently has six large-scale mines that adhere to stringent permit requirements required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and permitted by a scientifically based permitting process. Donlin would require as many as 100 State and Federal permits and authorizations.

Thank you for your consideration.

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