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Dear Mr. Gordon:

My name is Johnny Evan. I represent Unit 5 on the Calista Corporation Board. I am a subsistence hunter and fisher from Tuntutuliak, Alaska. I am also retired military after 23 years of service in the Army National Guard.

I support alternative 2 of the Donlin Gold Draft Environmental Impact Statement because I believe it would bring economic stimulus to our impoverished region. If Donlin is permitted, we will get more 7j monies and it will help our village corporations and could subsidize the cost of food and heating fuel, and fuel to use for subsistence purposes. Currently we have 13,000 shareholders – if Donlin starts making money, it will increase the Corporations investment and will be able to issue substantial dividends to our current shareholders, and the to new shareholders which will increase to 45,000. I strongly urge the US Army Corps of Engineers to emphasize these important benefits to our shareholders in the Final EIS and recognize them in making permitting decisions.

Donlin will also continue and probably add to our scholarship program which in turn will increase the number of youth in our region attending post-secondary education. If our youth know that there are scholarships available, and that there are jobs available after earning a degree, they will be encouraged to continue their education. Now a days, in order to participate in subsistence activities, we need equipment, gas, oil, ammunition – if our youth work a 2 week on and 2 week off schedule, they will be able to work and have money to participate in subsistence activities.

Donlin Gold has been conducting studies for the past 20 years and have carefully created plans to construct and run an environmentally responsible project in our region. I have seen Fort Knox, Pogo, and Golden Sunlight Mines respectively, and they are conducting operations respectfully, as opposed to Red Devil and NYAC. The people from our region that will work at the mine live in our region and will be good stewards of the land and waters.

With Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Johnny Evan".

Johnny Evan, Unit 5 Representative