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Attn: CEPOA-RD-Gordon

Dear Mr. Gordon,

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to comment on the Donlin Gold Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). In October of 2015, I was appointment as the new President of Fairweather, LLC and the Deadhorse Aviation Center, LLC (DAC) in Alaska. I am a long-time Alaskan with over 30 years of logistics and sales experience, formerly serving as the president of Carlile Transportation Systems – one of Alaska’s largest trucking and logistics companies – and Senior Vice President of Alaska Communications.

What fuels Alaska’s economy is our natural resource industry where I’ve been in the trenches mainly with a focus on transportation and logistics. It’s with that perspective that I write in support of the Donlin Gold Mine Draft EIS. The opportunities the mine can bring to the Yukon-Kuskokwim region are many and are desperately needed. The project will bring good long-term jobs to the Y-K region and help the residents there maintain their subsistence lifestyle.

The region’s Native Corporation, Calista selected the mineral rights at Donlin Gold, and TKC selected the surface estate during ANCSA so that their shareholders would benefit from the development and production of the mine. The residents do not take such a large project lightly and want to ensure the mine is built with the integrity to maintain safety during production and at mine closure. The company has spent over 20 years of due diligence and has given residents many assurances that their project will be state of the art and environmentally sound. The companies involved have worked tirelessly with Calista shareholders, have listened to their concerns, and have made changes to their plans to address them.

The people of the Y-K need jobs and economic opportunities Donlin Gold will bring. The project offers the younger generation work and a chance to learn new skills. I support this environmentally responsible project, which will move the quality of life for Alaska residents forward with economic opportunity, and hope for a prosperous future. Your consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Linda Leary
President