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Dear Reviewer:

I write on my own behalf and not on behalf of this law firm. However I daresay this is an important issue to any entity or firm that cares about the economic future of Alaska. I also write as a former attorney general for the state of Alaska from 2012 – 2014. Donlin Gold has acted responsibly in thoroughly studying the impact of this proposed mine and utilizing a number of state-of-the-art measures to mitigate the risks inherent in this type of operation. They are to be commended.

I also can't emphasize enough the economic benefits that will flow from the mine to an area of the state that desperately needs good paying, year round employment. While I was AG I became painfully aware of the challenges that afflict our remote rural communities. Lack of gainful employment and youth w/ too much time on their hands is a recipe for community malaise. I'm sure this motivates in no small part the positive response from the local communities, village corporations and Calista. Their shareholders can only benefit from responsible resource development, and Donlin Creek has gone the last mile in demonstrating its commitment to ethically and responsibly develop this site.

Now it is time for the USACE to step forward and permit the next stage of development. Thank you for your attention.

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