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To whom it may concern,

I had the opportunity to work at the Donlin Gold project from 2005 to 2015. I made many friends in the region, as well as saw the benefits of what, (even in the exploratory) phase this project has had on the people who live and work in SW. We had many who worked and made good money to be able to provide for their families, got off the government welfare rolls, and had the money to continue their lifestyle. Gas, ammo, transportation (boat, snow machines) are not cheap. The jobs provided good income for the many, many people who worked there.

I am now working in Kotzebue, at the Maniilaq Health center as the Manager of foodservice. When I got here to Kotzebue, I noticed right away the benefits of the Red Dog mine has had on the community. Most of the roads are paved, they have a fantastic waterfront. all the streets have good lighting. Wide sidewalks to keep kids safe and off the roadways. Many nice boats, automobiles/trucks, snow machines and ATV's. Every evening I see families taking walks on the sidewalks, off the roadways, and not sucking dust from dirt roads. The mining industry has undoubtedly had a very positive impact on this community.

Yes all resource development has its challenges and risks. However from what I see and have learned from all the information offered by Donlin Gold, they are going above and beyond to protect the environment, the Yupik way of life, water, wildlife. and all the people of the region and Alaska.

This project will offer good high paying jobs for many people of the region, and Alaska with the ripple effect of support services throughout the state. Financial stability for the region, and money to the state.

Thank you
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