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Attn: CEPOA-RD-Gordon

Dear Mr. Gordon,

I Have in the past been and am again a resident of Bethel, Alaska and my wife and I have raised our family both in this area and in Sweden.

I am born and raised in Sweden and I have great insight about the mining industry in that country and Scandinavia and what I've also learned about the Donlin project.

This knowledge makes me understand what the Donlin Mining project really means.

It is with that perspective I write in support of the Draft EIS currently under review.

The Donlin Mining operation is a tremendous opportunity for the local economy and for the state as a whole.

But It is of the utmost importance that the operation is conducted in a environmentally responsible manner and that all appropriate rules and regulations will be complied with to assure safety to the environment and the people.

I believe its all possible and have seen success through mining technology, especially in the northern part of Sweden where mining has been a huge part of the national economy.

Mining is the second largest source of income for Sweden and has provided prosperity and security to the nation for more than 100 years.

The people there are very grateful for what that industry has provided and there has not been any major issues to the environment.

The companies have taken quality measures to ensure no environmental damage and have proven that mining can be conducted with high quality and safety.

In the YK region, the Nyac Mining District located in southwestern Alaska's Kilbuck Mountains, 63 miles east of Bethel and 330 miles west of Anchorage, has been in operation for more than thirty years with no significant environmental issues. Nyac is, besides other in the industry, a project that residents can look to as a good example for safe operations.

The people in the region rely on subsistence hunting and fishing for their livelihood.

If the Donlin project is conducted in compliance with the rules and regulations required and with modern technology, I do not believe anything will affect subsistence activities.

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Finally, if all guarantees are in place for compliance with applicable rules and regulations and that the financing are available for safe corrective action and for safe project termination and reimbursement for damage to affected people in the area, the project should move forward.

Sincerely,



Ronny Johansson

