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To Whom It May Concern,

Hello, my name is Joanne Kameroff I'm from Bethel, Alaska but grew up in many different communities throughout the Kuskokwim River including Stony River, and Kalskag. When you hear the name Donlin Gold, what do you think of? Do you think of money, jobs, economic boost? Well, when I hear the name Donlin Gold, I think of pollution, and our fish and wildlife dying off. I think of our subsistence being lost, our culture of living off the land gone. This is why I am against the Donlin Gold Mine.

Barrick Gold is a Canadian company that has been mining since 1983, and they have used cyanide solution to filter out fine gold particles. First of all this method is unsafe. On September 12, 2015 in Argentina, Barrick Gold leaked over a billion liters of Cyanide Solution caused by the failure of the vent valve in the pipeline in Veladero Mine. This shows that Barrick Gold does not know how to safely use Cyanide, and they don't know how to contain it.

Pipeline spills and errors of the pipeline are very high. If these spills happen, our land won't be a healthy habitat for our Alaskan Wildlife. It can be potentially fatal for us, and for animals. The oil and gas can seep through the ground into underground reservoirs, contaminating everything on the way, and it can eventually lead to the waters that our fish spawn and reproduce in. Growing up in Stony River, and Kalskag made me realize on how big of an impact it would have to the surrounding villages,

and even the Y-K Delta.

The cost of Donlin Gold is outrageous, \$6.7 billion to build, and another billion just for the pipeline. I am wondering how are they going to pay off all these things like a food source for the workers, heat, electricity, and a proper living space, and to think about the possible dangerous situations Alaska's weather can do to the process of the mine, pipelines, tailings, and heavy equipment can get damaged. According to the Economist Newspaper the price of gold has been descending and ascending since 2008, gold prices reached a very high peaked in 2011, but has been descending ever since.

The total span of this mine production is about 25-27 years of getting the gold. Gold prices are unsteady, how are they going to pay off everything? Also to contain the toxic waste is going to be a difficult task. Eventually Barrick Gold is not going to care anymore and this will bring our economy down both physically with the land and water, and mentally with the Alaskan residents mind.

What would Barrick Gold do? Would they care if our land and water got polluted? My opinion is, they wouldn't care. If they can eat the salmon and say everything is fine at the end of this process then by all means I apologize, but by the time this is over our salmon won't be eatable so don't kill our salmon for a quick high of wealth that would last only a few years. Remember S.O.S. Save Our Salmon.

Sincerely,

Joanne Kameroff