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Greeting

As an engaged Alaskan, serving as commissioner on two municipal commissions and a non-profit organization, I care most about the wellbeing of our state and people who live here. For over 20 years, I have been extremely fortunate to call Alaska home. My family includes my parents, their children and great children who love Alaska just like I do. I am a product of the University of Alaska system, most recently of its graduate program in Environmental Permitting.

Today I am writing in support of the proposed Donlin Gold Mine project, Alternative 2. I believe this alternative is environmentally responsible and takes into account issues people care about. Environmental studies have been going on since the inception of the project, for over 20 years. The project will provide jobs and needed revenue to the State.

State's economic viability is an important factor in protecting our environment. The environment is protected when governments can afford to enforce the environmental regulations.

Resource development was a condition that allowed Alaska to become the 49th state in the Union. Resource development is what funds the system that maintains a balance between protecting what needs to be protected and developing what needs to be developed. Development enables us to fund on-going scientific programs both by Federal agencies and academia.

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