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As an Economic Geologist in Alaska, I am extremely well versed in the geology and hydrothermal system of the Donlin Deposit. However more importantly, I understand the economics of what Donlin represents...to the State of Alaska, and to the Yukon Kuskokwim region. I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal support for the Donlin Gold mining project and implore the US. Corps of Engineers logically proceed without political bias in supporting this project.

With extremely lower than favorable oil prices, the State of Alaska is in financial crisis. State funding has been slashed on all fronts, and the University of Alaska, the premier education and research facility just had to reduce their budget below feasible operating levels. The State is in a bind and has a bleak future...however the future of Alaska is much like its past...and that is Mining.

The approval of the Donlin project will stimulate and help create new jobs to one of the poorest regions in Alaska. Additionally the infrastructure plans for energy and roads will greatly support local business in the local region.

In the years that I have tracked this project I have seen nothing other than ethically responsible development plans from Donlin Gold company. Mining can and must be conducted correctly and there is no doubt in my mind that the current oversight is more than sufficient to advance this project ethically.

As I stated above Donlin is more than just another gold mine. It is a model of hope and increased prosperity for the State and for all Alaskans during this period of financial instability.

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