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Good Morning, Mr. Gordon.

I am writing to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Donlin Gold Project. The DEIS appears thorough and informative while presenting the project in manner that is easy to read and understand.

The Project is designed to meet or exceed the stringent requirements of relevant environmental laws and regulations while providing social and economic benefits the region, state, and to the nation such as the following;

- Through ANCSA 7(i) and 7(j) revenue sharing provisions, the Donlin Gold Project will provide revenue to all Alaska Native regional and village corporations.
- The jobs and the economic stimulus provided by Donlin Gold would help sustain communities in the YK region and fund traditional subsistence activities.
- The potential for lower cost energy options to the region such as the proposed natural gas pipeline which will have excess capacity should there be an interest in accessing natural gas to address the energy needs of the YK region.
- Job opportunities which will likely lead to reduced out-migration, helping to maintain rural schools and culture, including traditional ways of life.

Rural Alaska is being impacted most by the reduction of state and federal dollars. Alternative 1 (the no project alternative) will likely have a negative impact on the YK region.

For these reasons, I support Alternative 2, the applicant's proposed action.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

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