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To: donlingoldeis, POA
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Donlin Gold Draft EIS comment

Dear Corp of Engineers,

My family and I would like to express our support for the Donlin Gold Project.

When I was born in 1949, and during the 1950's, and 60's my father operated the Decoursey mine located some five miles Northwest of Donlin, the Snow Gulch placer located three miles North, and the Red Devil mine located thirty miles East. Upon leaving the immediate area in 1965, my father moved his mining expertise a hundred miles Northeast to White Mountain, where he died in 1974 and is buried only a few miles from the natural gas pipeline route proposed by Donlin.

I inherited my father's love of mining and came back to Snow Gulch in 1980 to continue his placer operation to this day. My family and I are still here after 36 years, but now it is time to retire.

I know the area, know the people, and have seen the benefits of industry. We are extremely fortunate to have a mine-able resource in our area to allow for further industrial growth. It would be a shame not to take advantage of this golden opportunity in an area where jobs are in such short supply.

My family and I have watched this project from it's inception. We have marveled at how thorough Donlin Gold has been in researching what would be the best way to proceed, while taking into consideration all of the public input, and what is best for the environment unique to our Kuskokwim region. We feel that Donlin Gold has proven itself to be a responsible company who will be able to properly care for the environment while running the mine.

It is our hope that the Donlin project will continue forward, knowing the guaranteed benefits to the people in the region will be positive and far reaching.

Sincerely, Spencer, Carolyn, Aurora, and Icey Lyman