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Mr. Keith Gordon, Project Manager
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Attn: CEPOA-RD-Gordon

Dear Mr. Gordon,

I am a private business owner who built my company starting in 1995 with just one small client and zero employees into a thriving agency that is the state's leader in creative advertising and exceptional account services, representing both Alaska-owned companies and multi-national corporations doing business in the state.

There is no way I could have done that without Alaska's robust natural resource industry activities. They are the lifeblood of our economy. It is with that unique perspective I bring to express my strong support for Alternative 2 in the Draft EIS for the Donlin Gold Mine Project. I believe it's a project that will be conducted in an environmentally responsible manner with respect for the land, fish and game the residents of the Yukon-Kuskokwim region are so heavily dependent. The project will bring and a way to sustain their way of life by providing opportunities with good paying jobs that will allow them to pay for the fuel, equipment and tools needed for subsistence activities.

In addition, the infrastructure the project includes, such as the natural gas pipeline, will allow the region the potential to bring in fuel less expensively. In a region that is the poorest in our state and the most expensive to live, such an opportunity is invaluable. We cannot afford to pass up the thousands of good paying jobs the project will bring.

The Calista Corporation is the ANCSA Corporation that represents the region whose shareholders have the responsibility to protect residents' subsistence way of life, while finding them opportunities for economic growth. The Donlin Gold Project provides an opportunity for both.

Some people are just learning about the Donlin Gold project, but for the people of the region, the project is nothing new. They have worked with the companies involved in the project for twenty years. In that time, Donlin Gold has held many meetings with shareholders, has listened to their concerns and has made substantial changes to the project as a result.



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The project has been decades in coming allowing time for due diligence in planning for construction, production and closure. Please approve the Draft EIs in your consideration for the benefit of Alaska's people.

Sincerely,

Laurie Fagnani
President