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To whom it may concern;

I am writing this letter in support of Alternative 2 to allow the Donlin Gold project to be built and operated thereby providing several generations of job opportunities in the Kuskokwim Region. The project is located on lands specifically selected by two Alaska Native Corporations - Calista Native Corporation and The Kuskokwim Corporation under ANSCA for mineral development so that these corporations could provide long-term wealth creation opportunities for their shareholders. The plan put forward by Donlin Gold is a solid, well thought out plan that address all major environmental and social concerns, and provides appropriate mitigation for impacts to wetlands. Donlin Gold has conducted many years of community outreach and truly understands the importance of subsistence to the residents of the region. Donlin Gold understands that the Kuskokwim River is the life-line of the region. They have studied the river in detail, including all of the other uses along the river. Their plans recognize the importance of the river for transportation, subsistence and recreation. The plan specifically accommodates subsistence concerns. The mine when built will bring long-awaited for jobs and prosperity to one of the poorest regions of the United States of America. To not allow this project to move forward would be a crime of epic proportions and would cause undue harm to the regions residence and Alaska native corporation shareholders for year to come.

Respectfully,

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