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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of Donlin Gold Project

Mr. Gordon,

On behalf of the ANCSA Regional Association, we submit the attached letter in support of the Donlin Gold Project and the Applicant's Proposed Action. In addition to expressing support for the project, we would also like to endorse the letter submitted by the ANCSA Resource Managers (also attached).

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Kim

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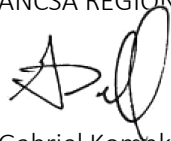
Dear Mr. Gordon:

On behalf of the ANCSA Regional Association, we are writing in support of the Donlin Gold Project and the Applicant's Proposed Action. Our corporations are owned by over 117,000 Alaska Native people and were formed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA). The ANCSA Regional Association exists to promote and foster the continued growth and economic strength of the Alaska Native Regional Corporations on behalf of their shareholders. The Board of Directors includes one representative from each of the 12 Alaska-based Native Regional Corporations as well as the Alaska Federation of Natives. These members represent the highest level of each corporation's management.

In addition to expressing support for the applicant's proposed action, we would like to also endorse the letter submitted by the ANCSA Resource Managers (attached). Donlin will provide far reaching benefits to Alaska Native people throughout the state, precisely the type of self-determination that was envisioned with the passage of ANCSA. We recognize both Calista's and The Kuskokwim Corporation's support for the project as the land owners. We appreciate that Donlin has worked with them to ensure subsistence resources and the subsistence way of life in the entire project footprint are a primary consideration. We recognize that by providing economic opportunities and jobs for shareholders and residents of the region, subsistence opportunities will be maintained and Alaska Native cultures will ultimately be preserved.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments. Should you have further questions, please contact our Executive Director, Kim Reitmeier at kim@ancsaceos.org or 907-339-6052.

Sincerely,
ANCSA REGIONAL ASSOCIATION



Gabriel Kompkoff
Chair

cc: ANCSA Regional Association, Board of Directors