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Mr. Keith Gordon  
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Dear Sir:

I am writing in support of the Donlin gold mine development. The project will be a great benefit to wage-earners in Alaska. Mining traditionally provides living-wage, nonseasonal employment. These are the kind of job opportunities that the U.S. needs so badly. The project's operators have shown that they will make every effort to work with, and provide good jobs for, the people of the region. For nine years I worked at Red Dog mine. I saw how a mining operation can be very beneficial to the regional economy, both at the level of individual workers, and the local government. I also saw how mining operations go to great lengths to minimize impacts on the environment.

Donlin represents a large investment that will significantly impact the economy of Alaska. During these years of weak job growth, mining jobs are just the type of living-wage jobs that will be so beneficial to U.S. workers. At this time, who else is willing to make an investment of this size that will create well-paying jobs in Alaska? While mining projects must have some environmental impact, the regulatory procedures and operators' desire to stay in compliance result in minimal amounts of degradation and risk.

I hope the ACE is able to expedite and improve the permitting process for the Donlin project. I feel the permitting process should be condensed and streamlined to bring projects into development with less delay. The permitting process has become too time-consuming and costly. I hope the permitting process for Donlin will demonstrate a less onerous procedure.

Your consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Robinson".

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