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

Dear Mr. Gordon,

I was born and raised in Bethel, Alaska in the Yukon-Kuskokwim region of Alaska, which is the same region where the Donlin Gold Project is being developed. As an original shareholder of the Calista Corporation with two sons who are scheduled to be shareholders, it gives me great pleasure to write and comment on the Draft EIS that is currently under review.

I am supportive of the project because of the possibility of good paying jobs for my sons and other residents in the Y-K Region. Ours is one of the poorest regions of the state and the Donlin Project would fuel our economy, which is currently severely depressed.

The people here are in desperate need to employment. Our jobless rate is huge and with that comes many other problems besides little money to survive. Our rates of alcohol abuse and suicide are very high because the people do not feel a sense of worth with the inability to care for themselves and their families. Jobs, a sense of hope and self-value would go a long ways toward addressing our high rates of suicide.

What's more, the project would bring people who have migrated away from our region to find jobs elsewhere back to our region. Families will be reunited and our villages' rich sense of culture can be restored.

The Donlin Gold Project will help restore our economy for certain, but the other benefits that go along with that are also hugely important. I would appreciate your positive review of the project's Draft EIS so the project can move forward for the benefit of the Y-K region's residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carrie Swanson".

Carrie Swanson