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To Whom It May Concern:

Hello my name is Logan Tetoff, and I am from Kalskag AK. Long before gold was ever found, Alaska natives were taught to value and respect the land. Growing up, my culture taught me to respect the land and the animals. For once, we relied on them for survival. I am against Donlin gold because of risks of major fuel spills, with increased amount of traffic on the river, and risks of catastrophes. Donlin Gold says that they will need about forty million gallons of gas each year of their mining. If there was ever a little mishap to happen that caused a fuel spill. It would be affecting the fish and rivers along the kuskokwim. Along with the use of all that fuel, large amounts of carbon dioxide will be released that is already a risk all around the world causing pollution

Another thing Donlin expects, is 122 diesel and cargo barge round trips for every summer season on the kuskokwim river. Our river is home to many native people that rely on subsistence fishing. With the increased amount of barges, means that they would be in the way of many subsistence fisherman. Starting from the beginning of the kuskokwim to the Donlin mine, there are about 13 villages below the site. Most of those villages stop at Bethel, the Hub of the kuskokwim for a quick pickup of food and other services that they need. Our river is already busy with travelers and they way of life for the people of the kuskokwim. We don't need anymore barges interfering with the lives of the that live the Kuskokwim.

One of my biggest fears the mine may bring is a catastrophe. Why risk the land of the kuskokwim just for some silly pebble in the ground? Berrick already owns multiple mining grounds along the use and other parts of this world. We don't need another mine to put our native people at risk. Berrick already had mines that failed before with their tailing storage systems. The tailings fluid contains sulfuric acid, which is used in batteries as battery acid. Donlin also expects to build a pipeline from anchorage to the site that is 277 miles away. What would we do if that pipeline were to burst, or something to had happened to it? Our land would have to take the damage everytime donlin has a mishap. How would this affect the villages below the mine, such as Chuathbaluk, Aniak, Kalskag, Tuluksak, Akiak, Akiachak, kwethluk, Bethel. Would Donlin gave money back to the community if there was any catastrophes to

come?

Once again I declare that I am against the mine, because of these three reasons; The risk of major and minor fuel spills, doubled the amount of traffic on the Kuskokwim river, and the risks of catastrophes. It is not worth it to risk so much, for something that people don't really need in their lives. Once again I say, We should value the land and its life. For it is what us Alaska natives were taught, long before gold was ever important. I support the land and the people, not a mine that ruins the land and the habitat around it.

Sincerely,

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