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Dear Mr. Gordon,

I would like to voice my support for the Donlin Gold Project as outlined in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The proposal includes a number of safeguards for the environment such as a synthetic liner for the tailings facility, mercury emission controls and an active water treatment system. The plan to bring natural gas from Cook Inlet will greatly reduce barge traffic on the Kuskokwim River and reduce the potential for fuel spills.

The economic benefits of this project greatly outweigh any potential environmental risk and will provide sorely needed employment for the region and revenue for the State of Alaska.

Sincerely

Dr. Keith Torrance

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