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Please consider my comments regarding the Donlin Gold Project.

Thank you,

David Wright

May 30 2016

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Donlin Gold Project.

The Donlin Gold Project is located in an historic mining district, on lands that were selected by Calista Native Corporation particularly because of the mineral potential which could provide an economic base for the region, currently one of the highest poverty areas of the United States.

The partnership developing the Donlin Project has an outstanding record of respect for the environment and the community and social values of the residents of the region and Alaska.

Both local hire and environmental and work site safety have been core elements of the business plan from the very beginning.

The Donlin Project has maintained open communication with all involved parties since conception, holding frequent public meetings and engaging with stakeholders in at every opportunity.

In addition to providing as many as 1,200 long-term, high paying jobs to local residents, Donlin will offer many substantial opportunities for local businesses in supply, logistics, contracting and other areas. These jobs and business opportunities will last for decades. The construction phase will employ roughly 3,000 workers for four years.

Through ANCSA revenue sharing provisions, all Alaska Native regional and village corporations and shareholders will receive direct economic benefits.

The infrastructure to support the mine will include port facilities, a gas pipeline and a communications system all of which will benefit the region through lower cost energy, goods, and services.

The Donlin Project has invested hundreds of millions of dollars over the last decade to develop an environmentally safe mine focused on mitigating possible negative impacts on the regional environment and social fabric.

I support Alternative 2, which will minimize impact on the historic Iditarod National Historic Trail and the Iditarod Sled Dog Race.

Thank you,

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