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To Whom it may concern,

Hello, I am Elizabeth. I am from Bethel. Are you for or against the Donlin Gold mine? I am against the mine because the land and water will be polluted, the mine could hurt our subsistence food and it could hurt our native culture and traditions of cutting and preparing

My first main point is that the land and the water will be polluted, I say this because of all the waste products and the chemicals that will be used to treat the rock at the mining site. It is called "tailings" or waste. If there is a disaster, all the chemicals could be in our land where we won't be able to grow any plants or crops. My last point is erosion and sedimentation. Erosion is the process in which soil is being eroded by the wind and rain. The mines create the soil by eroding it.

My second main point is that the mine could hurt our subsistence culture and animals. All the animals that live around the mine can be poisoned with Mercury, Arsenic, Cadmium, and Cyanide. Mercury is a heavy-silver white metal that is a liquid. Arsenic is a grayish-white element having a metallic luster. Cadmium is a silvery white metal. Cyanide is used for attracting gold. Also, the chemicals can also wreak havoc on the fish. Wreak havoc means to destroy the fish.

My third main point is there would be barely any fish. If there is a cyanide leak, the fish would be poisoned with Cyanide. There also would be barely any animals to catch for the families. In the winter, most people who rely on nature food and save them, they might not have food in their refrigerators or even in their freezers. Would you still want to go hunting and be able to catch?

So, in 25 years where do you see yourself? Do you see yourself eating fish and caribou with all your siblings and future families? Do you go against the mining? The mine is supposed to operate for 25 years. My point here is that Donlin Gold mine is not a good choice. I choose to go against it because there would be more pollution in the water and in the land, also the fish and the animals would be poisoned.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Fox