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From: Thomas Scott [<mailto:tscott@stgincorporated.com>]
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To: donlingoldeis, POA <POA.donlingoldeis@usace.army.mil>
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To whom it may concern

My name is Thomas Scott, Ive Been with Stg incorporated now for seven years, and I'm a lifelong Alaskan. I'm writing this Letter in support of the Donlin mine project. I would like to begin this by saying I am not writing this for personal gain. This is much bigger than that, I'm writing this in the support of the many friends and their families that I've been so fortunate to meet in the dozens of villages across the yk delta in the last seven years.

Ive seen first hand the negative affects that living below the poverty level has on people that struggle every day, on their families, their villages, their people.

I am fortunate to work for a company that has an unwritten policy to hire as many locals as a job can support. Its this practice that has led to lifelong friendships with some truly incredible people. Unfortunately, our projects rarely last for more than a few months in one area or village, but in those few short months, Ive seen some amazing transformations in the men and women that worked with us. They walk their kids to school with a smile, there is a sparkle in their eyes and pride in their walk. They can provide for their families, and their future begins to open up in front of them, and Like cogs in a wheel, their life begins to fall into place.

The worst part of this is when the job ends. Ive seen this first first hand, as quickly as they had built up their lives, as hard as they've worked to claw themselves up, they slide back down. The promise of a better life that was right there, is gone. The future they could see on the horizon fades until it is nothing more than a memory. Their old life, the one they never wanted to be in again, starts over.

The Donlin mine project could be the biggest economic boom western Alaska has ever seen. It would provide strong jobs, wages that could raise families, support communities, and provide a better future for a lot of people in an area that offers very few opportunities to very few people a chance for a better life.

As stewards, Donlin has a proven track record as wards of the land. As they should, they live their too!

Thank you for your time

Thomas Scott

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