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To all concerned parties

My name is Marcia Trainor (1381 Spring Glade Rd, Fairbanks, Ak 99709). I have made my home in Fairbanks for over 52 years. I am writing in opposition to the Kinross Ore Trucking proposal. I strongly urge this plan to be taken out of consideration. Our roads were never meant to be used as haul roads.

Safety to the environment and for the people who travel along the route is of utmost concern to me. All who use the roads along the proposed route: residents, military personnel, tourists, as well as the children who ride the school buses that stop regularly along the route (there are 110 stops!) will be endangered. Kinross has acknowledged that the size of their haul trucks will pose a high risk to regular traffic along two-lane roads. A good portion of the route is along two-lane roads with little or no shoulders. I have driven many times down that road and I am appalled that it is even considered a viable possibility. Those roads deteriorate every year. 80-ton trucks driven 96 times per day over the route will devastate the roads. And the state (that is... the residents) will be responsible for the costs.

Also, DOT determined that the bridges along the route must be replaced. As federal funds will be used for the work, it is required that an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) be conducted all along the route. I call for the state to meet these requirements and conduct an EIS before any decisions are made. Better yet, help Kinross to get the required permits to build a processing plant on site in Tetlin. Despite what Kinross has put forth (that building a processing plant on site would not be economically feasible) a study conducted by Peak Gold, LLC in 2018 found that building a processing plant in Tetlin would be profitable and economical.

This trucking proposal is irresponsible and poses too great a risk and ultimate cost to Alaskans.

I thank you for your consideration in this matter. I would appreciate a response at your convenience.

Thank You

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