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I am writing in support of Peak Gold's Closure and Reclamation Plan and Waste Management Plan for Manh Choh. The plan they developed is economically and environmentally responsible and will return the land looking very similar to how it looks today, much better than I see the State of Alaska leave many of its gravel pits. How embarrassing for the State of Alaska.

Our community needs this mine, the jobs it will create and the socioeconomic benefits that come with it. Tok has not seen a long opportunity like this, probably since the building of the Alaska Highway. Good paying jobs will help us build a stronger community, enhance our tax base, improve our schools, and generally make our way of life better. With the 100 – 200 construction jobs and 400 – 600 mine operation jobs come training, internships and scholarships for our young people.

This project is exactly what we need to get Alaska and our young people trained for careers in transportation, construction and mining. I encourage you to approve this plan so we can put our folks to work.

Thank you,

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