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Juneau Ranger District
8510 Mendenhall Loop Road
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Dear Sir or Madame:

On behalf of the University of Alaska Southeast, I am writing in support of Hecla Greens Creek's request to extend the existing Tailings Disposal Facility to the north through Alternative D.

UAS faculty have worked with our local mines in the past to help develop research-based solutions to mine tailings disposal. We look forward to continuing to work together to develop ecologically sound mining practices that will protect the environment while allowing for the reasonable development of Alaska's natural mineral resources.

Hecla Greens Creek has further demonstrated its corporate commitment to ecologically sound mining practices by not only supporting the UAS Mine Center Training Program (\$1.2+million in donations) but also with the creation of the *UAS Hecla Greens Creek Environmental Science Endowment* (\$300k donation). And perhaps, most importantly, by hosting university classes out to the mine to help teach the next generation of environmental scientists and workers regarding operational best practices.

Based on UAS' positive interaction with Hecla over the years, I have every reason to believe that, if the expansion request is granted, they would continue using environmentally sound mining practices at the Greens Creek Mine. Furthermore, I believe Hecla Greens Creek to be a good corporate citizen and an asset to our community that Juneau cannot afford to lose.

Thank you for providing the opportunity for public comment on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Carey".

Karen Carey, Ph.D.
Chancellor

