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Comments: I work, live, and with my wife, have raised a family in Juneau. The two mines are extremely important to Juneau's economic health and the overall well being of our town. The mines contribute greatly to our tax base and it's workers are well paid members of the community. Every time that one of the mines needs additional permitting allowance, they are assailed by the radical environmental community, and as regulators, you are deluged with opposition to the mines - much of which is from those with no interest in Alaska or Juneau.

I have visited the Kensington mine twice. On both occasions I witnessed the world class and carefully planned and executed work to protect the environs in which the mine operates.

I support the continued operation of the mine and the additional expansion they are currently seeking.

Max Mertz, Juneau