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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Coeur Alaska Kensington Mine's Plan of Operations Amendment One to allow for an increase in the life of the mine north of Juneau.

I live in Juneau and have for decades. I have flown over this mine hundreds of times. I have caught and ate fish from the immediate area. I eat venison and moose harvested nearby.

I worked on the 3rd Draft EIS when I re-entered the workforce as a mother of two children in diapers. Coincidentally, both of those children could vote by the time the mine was open. We have some of the most stringent regulations in the world. This permit is not a one-and-done, but a first step in a very long process with state and local permits in addition to yours.

Southeast Alaska is a maritime temperate rainforest, not tundra or taiga as some people have indicated. I assure you that no residents of this area want to take a chance on harming our fish or wildlife, as our health relies upon the clean water, clean air, and healthy food we can grow or harvest in our region.

Coeur has been an excellent corporate citizen. They pay their employees well and contribute to our community. They are a major sector of our economy and help many of our small businesses, including mine, survive.

Modern life requires the use of gold, copper, zinc and other minerals. I would much rather see a responsible mining company like Coeur Alaska Kensington than one in a part of the world without these regulations in place to safeguard the environment. Remember, those things have to come from somewhere, and nobody gets the job done in a more environmentally aware manner than Alaska.