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Comments: I am writing to emphasize the positive impact that the continued operation of the Greens Creek mine, along with the adoption of Alternative D for tailings disposal, has on the City and Borough of Juneau. Hecla Greens Creek has consistently demonstrated its commitment to responsible practices and environmental protection, with any claims by private groups being refuted by government agency personnel who regularly monitor the operations in Hawk Inlet.

As a strategic asset for the nation, the Greens Creek mine is vital in generating tax revenue for the City and Borough of Juneau. This income is instrumental in supporting programs that benefit underprivileged individuals and providing essential municipal services for the greater public good.

Alternative D would enable Hecla to maintain a consistent method of operation, which is key to promoting efficiency and safety. It is crucial to minimize disruptions in processes to prevent any unintended consequences. We kindly request the approval of the Alternative D tailings plan and encourage continued collaboration with Hecla, allowing them to sustain their exceptional performance.

By supporting the ongoing operation of the Greens Creek mine and adopting Alternative D, we can ensure the continued provision of resources for the underprivileged and the availability of essential services that contribute to the overall well-being of our community.