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As a 35 year resident of Juneau - I am writing in support of Hecla Greens Creek Mining Company's (HGCMC) request to expand their Tailings Disposal Facility (TDF) and related infrastructure as described in their North Extension Project (NEP). I am in favor of Alternative D.

I moved to Juneau in the spring of 1988 to go to work at the Greens Creek Mine. I worked as a contractor like hundreds of other people, and in the next 5 years I had bought a house and started building my roots in Juneau. I am one of the very fortunate people that have had multiple opportunities that were all based around the mining industry. My family has grown up in Juneau, being able to appreciate the support that Hecla Greens Creek Mine has offered up to our community, from sports to the arts.... To the economic stability that the mines in our community have given Juneau and the surrounding towns. After working for 25 years in the transportation and logistics business, I went to back to work at Hecla Greens Creek Mine and have been employed for there for past 17 years. This Mine and wilderness area has been a part of my life as I have worked in it throughout almost every stage of the Mines development. I work here because I have always been impressed with the people that make this an amazing place to work. We all work hard to ensure that the best results are produced, from meeting safety objectives to the highest level of environmental stewardship. Please support this small extension to the dry stack tailings impoundment, as someone who is as familiar with this location as anyone... It is a good spot, it is outside of the Admiralty Island National Monument. It is not adjacent to any salmon streams. The geography will allow development in the tailings impoundment area with the smallest amount of surface area, which in turn minimized exposures. I am proud to be able to call Juneau my home and as a parent of one young adult and two teenagers, It would be fantastic if my family could continue to live here and continue to experience for themselves... what the Greens Creek Mine has to offer us all.