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Governor Mike Dunleavy
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Dear Governor Dunleavy,

As Alaskan business owners, we made clear in our April, 2020, letter your continued support for the proposed Pebble mine contravened Alaska's best interest and undermined the health, economy, and way of life in Alaska's Bristol Bay region. The State of Alaska's plans to appeal the Corps' decision to deny a permit for the proposed Pebble mine leaves us disappointed and angered, and we request that you cease your support immediately. The continued support you and your administration show for the disgraced foreign mining company threatens our livelihoods, Bristol Bay's fisheries, and the local fish-based economy.

We operate successful sportfishing lodges and guided fishing operations in the Bristol Bay region. We employ dozens of Alaskans and, like thousands of others in our industry, our businesses rely on the region's world-class fisheries, its clean, productive rivers, and its wild and rugged scenery. After making our stance clear to the State of Alaska, federal regulators and the Pebble Limited Partnership (PLP) for nearly 2 decades that the project would directly harm our businesses, communities and families,

we were relieved when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers properly denied the permit for the mine proposal.

In the Corps' Record of Decision, Col. Damon Delarosa said that a plan to deal with waste from the Pebble Mine "does not comply with Clean Water Act guidelines" and that "the proposed project is contrary to the public interest." PLP was given the chance—twice—to prove that it could adequately mitigate the impacts of its project and operate its project in a way compatible with local fisheries. PLP failed. Its mitigation plan fails to meet Clean Water Act standards and the project is overwhelmingly opposed by Alaskans from across the state of all walks of life. By appealing the Corps' decision, you send a clear message to Bristol Bay residents and Alaskan business owners that you will override science and the best interests of Alaska on behalf of a Canadian mining company with an incomplete and fraudulent plan.

Bristol Bay residents and business owners are looking forward to our future, a future that does not include the proposed Pebble mine. We ask that you stop supporting PLP in its attempts to subvert science and the interests of Alaskans, and drop your appeal. It is far past time for you to stick up for Alaskans and join us by supporting permanent protections for Bristol Bay's important fish, wildlife and water resources that will ensure our businesses and the fishery remain productive for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope you reconsider your support for PLP and work with us to write the next chapter for the Bristol Bay region to sustain and create new business opportunities without risking renewable resources that have provided for us faithfully year after year. We are happy to discuss this at any time by phone or video.

Sincerely,

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