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CC: U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan, Radhika Fox, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Brenda Mallory, Council on Environmental Quality

Dear Senator Murkowski,

As a mother, you understand the importance of giving children the best possible foundation for a bright and happy future. As caretakers of the next generation of Alaskans, we have fought fiercely, through life’s joys and challenges, for what is best for our kids and families.

With Mother’s Day approaching, we are reflecting on the future we want for our children. As Alaskan mothers, grandmothers, sisters, and daughters that care about Bristol Bay, we want our children to grow up with strong cultural connections to rivers that remain full of fish, healthy and vibrant. We want the ability to pass on our fish camp traditions, permits, boats, businesses, and recreational opportunities to our kids and grandkids. We want the next generation of Alaskans to experience the awe of record-breaking sockeye salmon runs, know the beauty of open tundra and feel secure having a full freezer. We want our kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews to have the opportunities to carry out the strong Alaskan traditions of fishing, hunting and foraging—which in the Bristol Bay region are built around clean water and healthy habitat.

This bright fish-filled future is possible only if we safeguard the resources that provide so much to our families.

We all cheered when the permit for the proposed Pebble Mine was rightfully denied by the Army Corps of Engineers, but we knew it alone was not enough to protect the abundant fish and wildlife resources we hold dear. When you committed to ensuring the Bristol Bay region achieves long term protections at the 2020 Alaska Federation of Natives Conference, many of us were thrilled and thankful. We know that

good things often take time, so we were encouraged when you reaffirmed your commitment to Bristol Bay protections at ComFish this spring. Yet, the threat remains that the Pebble Limited Partnership—or some other mining company—could jeopardize our future in the Bristol Bay region.

As the caretakers of the next generation of Alaskans, we urge you to support Clean Water Act 404(c) safeguards and to quickly advance legislation. This dual-track approach will provide the best possible long-term protections so we can focus our energy on building a bright and happy future for our families without the shadow of the proposed Pebble Mine lurking in the corner.

Our children will need to overcome their own obstacles and challenges as they forge their own futures. We must not saddle them with the threat of the proposed Pebble mine when we have the tools to solve the threat now with help from leaders like you. Our children should have the freedom to imagine a future for Bristol Bay unencumbered by the proposed Pebble Mine. The best Mother's Day gift of all would be to see these important protections put in place as soon as possible.

We know that if we take care of Bristol Bay's fish, they will continue to take care of our families. We, as mothers, grandmothers, sisters, daughters and friends of our next generation, ask kindly for you to urgently push forward durable safeguards for the clean water and healthy rivers and lands our families depend on so we can focus on raising a generation of Alaskans that will continue to have opportunities to grow-up and prosper. Please help us protect Bristol Bay for future generations.

Sincerely,

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Anna Casey	Naknek	AK
April Woods	Anchorage	AK
Aurora Till	Nondalton	AK
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Carissa Larson	Anchorage, Chignik, & Kodiak	AK
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Charlotte Tanner	Ketchikan	AK
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Cindy Williams	Medford	OR
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Shauna Booton	Anchorage	AK
Sierra Roehl	Dillingham	AK
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Tia Shoemaker	King Salmon	AK

56 grandmothers, mothers, aunts, sisters and friends in Alaska or with ties to Bristol Bay