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Good day Cherly, Debra, Annette, Alekka, Doug, Gabe, Jerry, Paul, and Tyler.

I apologize for writing to you all in a form letter but I just got wind of ore dock meeting about two days ago. I would have otherwise written individually.

As a Yukoner, I recognize that my opinion may not hold as much weight as an Alaskan and almost nothing compared to an inhabitant of Lynn Canal however I feel a need to voice my opinion that I feel is in the best interest of all the inhabitants on Lynn Canal.

I am writing to oppose the new dock for the purpose of Yukon ore.

I oppose the going ahead of the project based on simple life principles which I would like to express here. The first consideration I would like to make is that the Yukon mines extract resources with next to no requirements to clean up after the extraction process. We are left with massive..... I mean MASSIVE environmental wastelands that will take thousands of years to recover...if they ever do. Our mines might be relatively young but based on studies done in Europe from thousands of years ago, it is predicted that it will take thousands of years for any recovery. The majority of our ore is dirty and are greed driven initiatives.

I am not very savvy on the environmental impact it would have on your local waters and land but one thing I am positive about is that the Yukon does not care AT ALL about the wellbeing of your environment or the people of Haines. This is strictly business for the Yukon..... a money making venture. BC is currently polluting the waters upstream of the Taku river which flow into Alaska and we are doing nothing about it.

I noticed that your group was invited to do a site visit where the dock would be upgraded. I sent a suggestion at an earlier date that one of you visit a Yukon mine to see the devastation associated with the extraction of ore. If any one of you went there, then you would see the wasteland. If the Yukon is unwilling to clean up it's own land and waters after a hard rock mine, then why would we care about your waters and land and fish, etc.

Likely the most dangerous principle that is destroying our world in the principle that 'perpetual growth' is good. I can guarantee you that it is not. Almost everywhere we look, we are bombarded with the idea that growth and profit is good. It isn't. When we have limited resources and we are extracting them at a rate faster than they are regenerating, it is not sustainable. My background is renewable resource management. If the town of Haines feels there is a need to grow or do more, there is always a price and that price in your community of Lynn Canal is wilderness destruction.

Every model will show you that perpetual growth can only lead to collapse at some point. Not only will you sacrifice your wilderness but you will also sacrifice the charm of your community.

A very simple example of how it will work is as follows. I suspect that Lynn Canal is already limited to how many moose can be harvested in a year. I suspect there are more hunters than there are moose allotment. If you introduce more people into the Canal in the way growth with the ore dock, you will still have the same amount of moose that can be harvested but now that allotment of moose has to be shared between many more hunters.

As I see it, the promise of more money will diminish the amazing quality of life you have in the Lynn Canal already. Adversity and struggle is what builds character, tenacity and strength in people. Compare those that come off the cruise ships from the South to those in your local community.

I could go on for quite a while but the longer I go the more you likely won't read my concerns so this is where I will end.

You have one of the most beautiful quaint and quirky communities I know. I love Haines. Please don't let the lure of money and growth sway you from what is really important in life and in your community.

Thanks for reading.

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