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Dear members of the Haines Planning Commission,

Currently we are building a home at 9 mile where we hope to raise our five month old son. We recognize the need to explore options to bring more jobs and tax revenue to our local economy and appreciate the borough exploring various avenues to do this. However we have strong concerns about turning our local scenic highway and part of our downtown streets into a major industrial haul road. In this plan everyone who lives on the highway, out Lutak or in part of downtown would suddenly have tens of thousands of haul trucks a year driving past our homes 24 hours a day. In a few years our son, like many other children out the road, will be riding the school bus. This proposal would mean those children share the icy winter road every day with a line of heavy trucks. The highway is just finishing being redone at great expense with the construction often preventing people from getting to school/work in a timely manner and extremely disruptive to tourism-an existing industry where I am employed. How soon will we have to do all that again with the damage incurred from such a high level of heavy traffic and who will foot the bill? I appreciate the idea of the closed containers instead of everyone living near the highway inhaling fugitive dust but what prevents the next Yukon mine that opens from going back to open containers?

If the benefits of this idea truly outweigh the costs (especially the costs to people along the route) then an open, transparent process will bear that out. Please don't rush this or take any concrete steps until the community has had a chance to truly weigh the pros and cons of something that would drastically change life for everyone in the valley and out Lutak. A decision that has such a massive impact on the quality of life and safety of so many people in the valley needs to be decided on our community's timetable-not rushed to meet a schedule for a foreign company. As we look at these options please be clear about the actual benefits (not vague promises of future jobs) and what the real downsides are for everyone on the route (and if these can be mitigated). Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Sam Edwards and Lindsey Moore