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To Dave Long and members of the Planning Commission and the Borough Assembly,

I have lived in SE AK since 1978 and raised my children here. I have lived in Haines since 2009 and I have a private practice in behavioral health. My son is a contractor and my daughter a cargo pilot. My husband builds timber-frames using local lumber. I understand fully our economic dependence on development and utilization of natural resources. I drive a car, wear leather, travel, eat imported foods, use electricity etc. I also have a perhaps foolish expectation and hope that my elected government representatives will abide by current codes, regulations and laws. I am concerned about the seemingly underhanded un-public process that is happening regarding the rebuilding of the Lutak Dock, a vital connection to the world for our community. I won't reiterate what has already been aired in the CVN.

As a resident of this valley, I am fortunate enough to be able to afford to buy the things I need and want, including food. However, I choose also, due to my values, to fish, garden and forage as much as I can. The Chilkat valley is an amazing and increasingly rare ecosystem which still has resources to support humans and a great diversity of wildlife. I am grateful to live here.

I am more than willing to participate in the public process. I count on the public process being offered legally. At this point, the public process is being undermined regarding development of phases 1, 2 and 3 of the Lutak Dock. I do not want to see our community, which has increasingly precious offerings of wildlands, wildlife, clean air and water and community accessible government, become an industrial ore transfer site.

If we as a community, with all weighing in with as full knowledge as possible on the pros and cons of allowing Canadian and other mining interests to ship their toxic products through our dock, decide, thru a legitimate and fair public process that this is what we want for ourselves and our children and grandchildren, then so be it.

However, the past record of citizens weighing in on this issue strongly suggests this is not the case.

Please use your influence as a public decision maker to make sure the lutak dock repair and uplands development reflect the desires of the majority of residents of the Chilkat Valley.

Thank you for your support and consideration,

Heidi Robichaud