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Senator Lesil McGuire  
State Capitol Room 121  
Juneau AK, 99801

RE: SB 192. AIDEA and AEA authority for the Sweetheart Lake hydroelectric project and the Lynn Canal Transmission Corporation. Documents for companion bill HB 143 should be used as support for SB 192

Dear Senator McGuire,

The entire package of support letters and supporting documents of HB 143 sponsored by Rep. Cathy Munoz are to be used to support SB 192, which is a Senate companion bill. This important bill that provides for the private infrastructure development, construction and operation for the electrification of the Coeur Alaska, Kensington Gold Mine and the northern areas of Juneau that are not currently electrified.

Additionally, I am attaching recent letter from Coeur Alaska to FERC and the US Army Corp of Engineers addressing their need for immediate power to preserve Alaska jobs and as well as assist in the longevity of the project.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duff W. Mitchell", written in a cursive style.

Duff W. Mitchell  
Managing Director



January 25, 2016

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
US Army Corps, Alaska Region

RE: Sweetheart Lake Hydroelectric Project. P-13563-003. Need for immediate power

To whom it may concern,

The Kensington mine, located in the Borough of Juneau, Alaska, is owned and operated by Coeur Alaska. The site directly employs 330 people along with approximately 50 contractors. The annual operating budget for Kensington Mine is approximately \$120 million with diesel power generation being second only to payroll as the single largest operating expense. Low cost, reliable hydropower electricity has the potential to have a significant positive impact on Kensington's operating margin as well as the stability and longevity of the project. The immediate demand for low cost hydropower electricity at the Kensington Mine already exists, the more expeditiously it is made available, the sooner it can begin to yield positive benefits to the operations and sustainability of the mine project.

Sincerely,



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Wayne Zigarlick  
VP & General Manager Coeur Alaska