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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
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RE: Protect American jobs from foreign mining company

Dear Mr. President:

The undersigned entities, representing hundreds of thousands of businesses, hunters, anglers, and outdoor enthusiasts, respectfully request that you direct the Army Corps of Engineers to deny the Clean Water Act 404 permit for the proposed Pebble mine in Bristol Bay, Alaska. If built, the mine would immediately jeopardize thousands of American jobs, hundreds of businesses, a sportfishing and hunting paradise, and thriving outdoor industries.

In Alaska, fishing and hunting are big business. The foundation of a successful business in this industry is clean water and access to rivers and land that are untrammelled. The rivers downstream of the proposed Pebble mine and its infrastructure are some of the most sought-after fishing and hunting destinations in the world. The Bristol Bay fishing and tourism industries together account for more than 14,000 full and part-time jobs and a \$1.5 billion annual economy.

As businesses and organizations that rely on Bristol Bay's intact watershed, we have watched the Pebble mine closely, following the permitting process and engaging in each opportunity we have been afforded. Still, the permit review process, meant to ease our concerns, has done the opposite. The review process continues to rely on an incomplete and changing permit application and mine plan. It does not consider reasonable, foreseeable impacts from the project as required by law and common sense. Additionally, numerous agencies have raised concerns that the current permit review minimizes or ignores direct and indirect, long-term impacts on downstream resources and habitat.

We stand among millions of American individuals and businesses who oppose the prospect of a foreign mining company risking a lucrative, top-tier sporting location for American sportsmen and business with a massive mine. As the Army Corps of Engineers is on track to issue a decision in the next six months, we look to you to urgently stand with American businesses and jobs, and the resources that support our families and rural communities and deny this permit.

Respectfully,

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