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Governor Michael J. Dunleavy
State of Alaska
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Re: State of Alaska response to 2022 Proposed Determination at Pebble

Dear Governor Dunleavy:

The Alaska Miners Association (AMA) writes to express our heartfelt gratitude for the State of Alaska's response to the May 26 publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water Act Section 404c Proposed Determination at the Pebble Project.

As you know, AMA is a professional membership trade organization representing all aspects of the mining industry in Alaska. Whether they be individual prospectors, small family mines, or major mining companies, AMA's 1,400 members from Ketchikan to Nome are all gravely concerned about the EPA's actions. In the opening paragraph of your statement, you hit the nail on the head when you warned Alaskans about the implications to the entire mining industry.

Your response highlighted some critical points that all Alaskans should keep in mind. One, that the federal government can circumvent the regulatory process and veto projects for political reasons and while that is a proposed mine today, it could be any other project tomorrow. It also noted that the federal government has violated the intent of the Clean Water Act to delegate authority to states for land and water resource decisions. And, it called out the hypocrisy of the Biden Administration for outlining goals that will require more mining and simultaneously blocking mining projects across America. As the statement says, *"That mining should be done right here in Alaska where we emphasize coexistence with our environment better than anyone. Today's announcement only furthers to drive that development to the third world."* We couldn't agree more.

Thank you for standing up to this harmful, precedent-setting action. Alaska's miners are grateful

Deantha Skibinski
Executive Director

Cc: Commissioner Jason Brune, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
Commissioner Corri Feige, Alaska Department of Natural Resources