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Representative Cathy Munoz
120 4th Street, State Capitol
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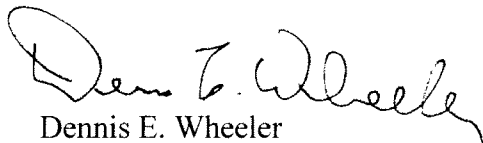
Re: HR12

Dear Representative Munoz:

Thank you for the extraordinary effort you put into introducing and expediting HR12 supporting the Kensington mine and encouraging the Governor to facilitate the prompt continuation or reinstatement, reactivation and period extension of our permits upon a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court. As you are aware, the mill, mine and nearly all ancillary facilities are constructed representing over \$330 million in investment. With only the tailings facility remaining to be built, Coeur is poised to begin operations. Allowing Kensington to move forward with the permits that were fully in place at the time of the injunction will save substantial time and effort from being expended again by the Coeur Alaska staff and the federal, state and local agencies.

Coeur Alaska remains committed to Kensington. We can and will, with a positive Supreme Court decision, complete construction and move into operation. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Dennis E. Wheeler