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Ms. Linda Jackson,

Representing Idaho's 11th district, I have constantly looked for new opportunities to help grow our state's economy, create new jobs, and support our local communities. Perpetua Resources Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project (SGP) is that kind of promising opportunity. The U.S. Forest Service has released its SDEIS for Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold project and after review, I am writing to voice my support for the necessary permitting of the project.

Allowing Perpetua Resources to move forward with the Stibnite Gold project will mean a \$1 billion investment in Idaho. An independent consulting firm, Highland Economics, conducted an analysis of Stibnite Gold's potential economic impact. They found that the project would, over its lifespan, generate over \$400 million in income tax revenue. Additionally, it would produce \$300,000 annually from property taxes that will go towards local government initiatives including education funding and supporting emergency services.

There is a local group asking for another economic study on the SGP to better understand the economic effects of the project on the tourism and recreation industries in the region. But it is clear to me that the economic impacts of the project have been thoroughly reviewed and that another study would not only be a waste of taxpayers' dollars but would also unnecessarily delay the project.

Beyond the newly generated tax revenues, this project will bring good paying jobs back to Idaho. Perpetua is committed to hiring from within the state whenever feasible. They plan to employ hundreds of Idahoans during operations; nearly 300 of those new hires would be from the communities surrounding Stibnite. Perpetua has also committed to providing education and job training opportunities to these employees over the course of the project.

The economic and local benefits of this project will be a boon for our State. But the antimony resource at Stibnite is just as important. As someone who served 32 years in the U.S Army and the Army Reserve, I know firsthand how critical a domestic supply of antimony is to our national security. Antimony is a crucial component in ammunition and primers and is also used in infrared sensors, camouflage, aircraft, warships, and night vision goggles.

We need to secure our antimony supply chain and reduce our reliance on foreign nations. Perpetua's Stibnite Gold Project is the only near-term source of domestic antimony. It would be a grave mistake to not support this project. Especially when the Department of Defense has already demonstrated their interest in the project. In September, the DoD awarded the company \$200,000 in SBIR grants to study whether the antimony at Stibnite can meet military specifications.

Thank you for considering my comments in support. I would like to urge the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project so that it can start producing the antimony our nation needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Syme".

Rep. Scott Syme  
Commerce & Human Resources Committee – Vice Chair