

Dear Ms. Jackson,

I appreciate the opportunity to speak out in support of the Stibnite Gold Project proposed by Perpetua Resources Idaho. This project will help create jobs and economic opportunities for rural Idaho communities while addressing some of the longstanding problems in the region that were caused by decades of largely unregulated mining projects. In the process, it will reignite the production of a mineral that is critical for our country's national defense.

In addition to the gold that will be mined at the future site, the Stibnite Gold Project will enable America to resume domestic production of antimony, which the U.S. government considers a "critical mineral" due to its use in national defense, aerospace, and energy. According to the U.S. Geologic Survey (USGS), our country is currently not producing any antimony domestically, leaving China, Russia, and Tajikistan as the leading sources of the mineral for the U.S.

Antimony continues to become ever more critical to our country's national and economic security. From its uses in ammunition and primers, to solar panels and renewable energy batteries, it is imperative that we secure a US supply of this critical mineral. The Stibnite Gold Project will enable America to resume mining of this important mineral on our own soil. And it will also allow us to build up a stockpile of antimony as recommended by the Department of Defense to prepare for a projected shortfall of the mineral.

If the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us anything, it is that we must re-shore our supply chains and increase domestic production of the materials and products critical to our national security. We can no longer rely on China and Russia for our products.

Moreover, the project will be vital in creating local jobs and spurring economic activity in the rural Idaho communities that need it most. Perpetua has committed to working with local vendors and suppliers whenever possible and they have already spent nearly \$88 million in Idaho to bring this project to life.

During the construction phase, the company expects to employ 600-700 people directly and support another 500-800 jobs indirectly. Once operations begin, the company anticipates they will employ another 500-600 people directly and support an additional 450-600 jobs through the downstream economic impact the project will have on local communities.

All of this is being done with the highest standards of worker and environmental safety in mind. Perpetua has a proven track record of success when it comes to safely managing hazardous materials and environmentally sensitive areas, and the Stibnite Gold Project will be no different.

The company is planning to construct all the necessary infrastructure to transport and store any hazardous materials involved in the project in a way that prioritizes safety, and the project will include an on-site hazardous materials response team.

Please keep these thoughts in mind as you review this project again. The process has worked to provide a modified mine plan that we can all feel confident in. I urge you to approve the Modified Mine Plan and help make the Stibnite Gold Project a reality.

Respectfully,



Kevin Vivian  
President