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Comments: I am writing to you to express my enthusiastic support for the Stibnite Gold Project. I represent District 8 which includes; Valley, Gem, Boise, Custer and Lemhi Counties. When running for office one of the top priorities of my constituents, who live in rural Idaho, is the fact there are very few economic opportunities for their adult children. Most of these young adults want to raise their families near their childhood home.

We are all aware that the livelihoods which were once prevalent in central Idaho, mining, logging and ranching have been under threat in the past. We need to bolster and support these industries and create more opportunity for our hard working families. All anyone wants is the ability to raise their family while earning a decent wage. Mining companies pay their employees well and provide excellent benefits.

Idaho being one of the wealthiest mineral states in the union does have a work force capable of resource extraction and reclamation. I would say second to none in the world. We do a better job and are more environmentally conscious. As well mining companies tend to be the best neighbors in small communities. I live next to the Hecla Grouse Creek Mine up the Yankee Fork. When Stanley and Clayton residents were trapped for two weeks by three highway closures from snow slides, Hecla Mine crews working with ITD opened the highway to help their neighbors. I have seen how the Thompson Creek Mine in the past supported the Challis Community in developing their infrastructure needs and helping the schools.

The Stibnite Gold Project will be a welcome addition to our District. Midas Gold has a proven record of being an important economic contributor in a community. Gold and antimony are strategic metals we need in 21st Century industry. Valley County and Idaho will benefit greatly with a good neighbor like Midas Gold.