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Comments: Dear Ms. Linda Jackson,

I strongly support the Midas Gold project:

[acirc][euro][cent] I believe that the project as proposed will have strong environmental and economic benefits. This project represents the strong gains that can be realized when public and private interests are merged.

[acirc][euro][cent] I do not believe that the environmental clean-up and restoration (mitigation) that will be accomplished by this project could happen within the foreseeable future without the participation and leadership that Midas Gold has brought to this project. Without this project, the leaching from tailings left from a bygone day will continue indefinitely.

[acirc][euro][cent] As someone who has been involved in the preparation of various environmental impact statements, it is my belief that environmental legislation is not meant to be used to stop public or private growth/improvements intended to sustain our society; rather the intention is to assure that all projects are accomplished in an environmentally responsible manor possible. I believe the Midas Gold project meets this objective.

[acirc][euro][cent] To those who would argue that there are still impacts involved, I would respond that there are impacts involved with everything we do. The proper approach is not to try to seek a no-impact solution. That is impossible. Rather, the trade-off between impact and benefit must be considered. As an example, we all drive cars. In doing so we add pollutants to the air, impact our environment in numerous ways to build roads and parking facilities, and cause injury and death. We see our small part of all that as reasonable tradeoff for the convenience of driving.

If this project is fairly judged in that context I believe it must be approved.