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Comments: As a fourth-generation Idahoan, the environmental health and economic growth of our state is very important to me. Therefore, after careful review I would like to voice my support for the Stibnite Gold Project. In the Idaho State Senate I have been fighting for opportunities that will help our citizens to succeed. Looking at the facts, this project would clearly provide essential private investment into our economy and environmental revitalization, that is needed.

This project is designed to restore the impacts of unregulated mining projects of the past, while also making Idaho the only state in the country to provide antimony-a material highly valued in the United States that we can currently only purchase from China. Once this project is approved, Midas Gold will invest \$1 billion directly into our economy, providing sales to our local businesses and up to 1,000 new jobs for our residents over the 20 year span of the project. The company has committed to hiring, contracting, and purchasing supplies and services locally whenever possible. This will generate more than \$300,000 in yearly property taxes, and almost \$500 million in state and federal income taxes over the duration of the project.

Additionally, our state needs private investment to revitalize the Stibnite area. The government previously tried to repair the legacies left from over a century of mining, but there are still over 10 million tons of tailings and waste rock left behind. This project would recycle these materials and prevent the negative impacts they cause on water quality while also repairing over 12 miles of waterways. Midas Gold is committed to reclaiming and restoring this land just as much as mining it, this is exactly what our state needs.

I hope you will take my comments into consideration and accept Alternative 2 put forward by Midas Gold in their proposal. This project is a huge opportunity and investment in our state, and I urge you to move this process along in an efficient manner.