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Dear Supervisor Jackson,

I write on behalf of the AMIGOS trade association in support of The Stibnite Gold Project. AMIGOS stands for Arizona Mining and Industry Get Our Support and our hundreds of member companies employ thousands of people in good, high-paying jobs because of the mining industry. Why are we weighing in on a project in Idaho? Our members work on projects throughout North America and we see this project as highly worthy of support.

All Americans will benefit from one key aspect of this project. Antimony is a critical mineral that is not mined anywhere else in the United States. Our nation is largely dependent upon China and Russia for this vital mined resource. The Stibnite Project, with its abundant antimony deposit, will lessen our dependence on foreign sources. That is clearly in the best interest of the United States and all of her citizens.

In addition, the planned restoration of the environment at this legacy site is cutting edge and through it much will be learned that will be applicable to other historic mining sites in the future. That is a win for all Americans. Lastly, through the experience of our member companies, we have witnessed firsthand the positive economic impact projects like this have in creating new direct jobs and indirect jobs of small and mid-sized businesses like those we AMIGOS represent.

We recently held an online meeting with our members to review the details of this project and were impressed particularly with the Modified Plan of Restoration and Operations that has taken into account local public input and years of study. It clearly improves and refines the plan.

Thank you for your work on this. We appreciate the opportunity to comment and we fully support The Stibnite Gold Project.

**AMIGOS** 

Sydney Hay President