

This letter is to express my support of Perpetua's Stibnite Gold Project. America needs this project to be permitted. It would produce our country's only source of antimony, a mineral we need for a secure and sustainable future. I hope after reading my thoughts you will understand why my support for this project is so strong.

The Stibnite project is important to me because it will strengthen our national security through the production of antimony. Right now, the U.S. relies on foreign countries for this mineral. These days, I think Americans value a domestic supply chain for such important minerals more than ever. The project at Stibnite could produce over 100 million pounds of antimony and become our only domestically mined source in the entire country. Antimony is used to make electronics and batteries and is also a critical mineral for national defense and the energy industry. With the uncertainties that the Coronavirus brought to our world and current war in Ukraine, I want our country to do everything it can to protect us from the uncertainty of changing markets and trade wars. I also feel confident in the company's 2021 Modified Mine Plan. In the SDEIS, the company has managed to eliminate the need for long-term water treatment, improve water quality and shrink the size of the project footprint by 13 percent.

The Stibnite Gold Project has been under federal review for the last six years. That has given regulators and the public plenty of time to review the company's plan. I know this project will transform an area in need of environmental repair and secure a domestic supply of antimony. It is for all of these reasons that I encourage you to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward.

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