

## Gheremie Icban

The Newport smelter project raises many concerns and questions that I would like to be addressed in the following study. To start, how will this initiative compensate for the various social impacts such as increased population to a predominantly rural area? How will it help the city sustain housing, transportation, law enforcement, school funding and more for the new residents?

Moreover, what are the demographics of the new workers? Research needs to be done to understand how temporary workers have previously impacted small communities. How will the materials from the smelter impact the surrounding communities, and specifically the workers? Are there adequate insurance available that can cover potential health care costs? Moreover, it needs to be made explicit what this smelter will be used for. How much of it will go towards solar technology, is the company confident in an available market to sell solar panels considering that the United States have all solar technology imported? Essentially, is this project cost-effective and how does it stand if a cost-benefit analysis is conducted. This project will impact various communities, therefore it is imperative that we consider the long-lasting social, economic and environmental impacts this new project will bring.