

## Jim Gome

The Copper World project presents an opportunity for our region to contribute significantly to our nation's economic independence and security. By fostering domestic copper production, we reduce our reliance on foreign resources, which is crucial for our national economic stability. The project's potential to boost our domestic copper supply is a compelling reason for my support, and I believe it aligns with our broader goals of self-sufficiency and economic resilience.

In this context, the role of ADEQ is more important than ever. Their responsibility to ensure that the Copper World project adheres to strict environmental standards is key to its success. Granting the Aquifer Protection Permit to Hudbay, under the vigilant oversight of ADEQ, will not only support our local economy but also contribute to our nation's strategic resource goals. This project, under the careful supervision of ADEQ, can set a benchmark for responsible resource development.

Sincerely,

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