Dear Idaho Elected Official:

As you are likely aware, a smelter project is being proposed by PacWest Silicon in the Newport, Washington area, in a location immediately upwind of the town of Oldtown, Idaho (Bonner County).

Washington Department of Ecology is currently accepting public comment on the proposed PacWest Silicon Smelter project as part of the EIS scoping process. "Scoping" is the first step in the process and the purpose is to collect ideas from the public, other agencies, tribes and stakeholders about what should be included in the study, the methods, possible project alternatives and ways to reduce the project's impact on the environment. Department of Ecology will review and consider all comments and then decide the full scope of the environmental review. Comments will be taken until October 26th.

Being in close proximity and downwind of the smelter, and using Idaho's roadways and infrastructure makes Idaho a stakeholder in the project. Idaho agencies and elected officials are encouraged to provide comments.

I have submitted my comments as a state legislator representing the constituents of District 1 in Idaho (see attachment), and am writing to encourage you to submit comments to the Washington Department of Ecology on behalf of the citizens you represent and within your jurisdiction. Comments can be submitted at this link:

http://sepa.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=p4CsA\

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Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Rep. Heather Scott

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