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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
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The Associated General Contractors of America supports the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013 (H.R. 687). We congratulate Congressman Gosar and many of the rest of the Arizona delegation who supported it upon introduction and we urge the Resources Committee to swiftly pass the bill so that it can be taken up by the full House and Senate. The land exchange has been the subject of extensive public scrutiny and the development of the mine will continue to be heavily regulated and monitored in the future.

This mine project will tap a large domestic source of copper that will be used in all sorts of activities including construction. In addition, the project will create jobs both as it is constructed and in its operations.

Our members in Arizona and throughout the southeast are very much in favor of the legislation and are looking forward to the economic development it will spur for generations to come. We urge Congress to swiftly consider and pass this legislation so that the project can progress on to the next phases of safely developing the mine and safely extracting the essential copper resources located there.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey D. Shoaf". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeffrey" being the most prominent part.

Jeffrey D. Shoaf  
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