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Honorable Paul Gosar, DDS United States House of Representatives 504 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Ann Kirkpatrick United States House of Representatives 330 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Gosar and Kirkpatrick:

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for introducing HR 687, The Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act. Your leadership demonstrates a commitment to Arizona's economy and environmental conservation. It also demonstrates recognition of the need to responsibly harvest a vital natural resource.

We have communicated our broad support for this legislation in the past, but as it moves through the US House of Representatives, we urge you to take any necessary steps to pass it in the House and get it to the US Senate for their consideration. Few actions this Congress could take in 2013 would have as great an impact on Arizona's economy as this legislation.

Additionally, we want to acknowledge how encouraging it has been to watch the Arizona delegation work together in a bi-partisan manner over the past several months on this legislation. It is a testament to your leadership and to the importance of this land exchange, the mine project for Arizona and the United States.

We stand ready and willing to work with you to ensure passage and enactment of HR 687 this year. Please let us know how we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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