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The Honorable Dr. Paul Gosar
US House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Via email: Jeremy.Harrell@mail.house.gov

Dear Congressman Gosar:

I write in support of H.R. 687, The Southeast Arizona Land Exchange Act, which is necessary to allow Resolution Copper to open their mine in Superior, Arizona. Reviving this mine operation will provide an economic boom to Arizona and provide much needed jobs in our region.

Today in Gila County the unemployment rate was announced to have risen again this month. With Freeport McMoRan, another local mine in the Copper Corridor, announcing termination of their open pit mining operation in 2016, the need for future development and jobs is critical.

I support you and your colleagues in your efforts to move H.R. 687 successfully through the federal process. Although concerns from opposing groups have been voiced I believe the concerns of all the stakeholders can be resolved to the benefit of all.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue. I look forward to work with you to ensure that copper mining continues to be part of our culture in Southeast Arizona again.

Sincerely,

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