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The Honorable Paul Gosar
Member of Congress
U.S. House of Representatives
504 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Gosar:

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the largest manufacturing association in the United States representing small and large manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, supports H.R. 687, the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013. H.R. 687 would help secure a domestic supply of copper to meet demand in manufacturing and other sectors.

H.R. 687 would allow the Resolution Copper project, a proposed mine in Arizona that would produce enough copper to meet about 25 percent of the current U.S. demand, to move forward while also protecting the environment. Under the bill, the U.S. Forest Service would convey about 2,400 acres of land in southeast Arizona to Resolution Copper Mining, LLC, in exchange for about 5,400 acres of company-owned land. Of the company land, about 1,200 acres would become part of the National Forest System, and about 4,200 acres would be administered as conservation areas by the Bureau of Land Management.

The Resolution Copper project is estimated to generate over \$61 billion in economic value and 3,700 direct, indirect and induced jobs over the life of the mine. Copper is a fundamental part of a wide range of manufacturing applications, including power generation and transmission, industrial machinery, consumer electronics, automobiles, semiconductors and building and construction materials. A secure, abundant supply of copper is vital to the nation's resurgent manufacturing base.

Manufacturers support H.R. 687. We thank you for your efforts and recognition of this important issue and the impact it has on U.S. manufacturers.

Sincerely,



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