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Must See: Gosar Takes on Deceitful Town Council

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Dear Friend,

It is no secret that in recent years, Congress has had a low approval rating. People are tired of the political rhetoric and lack of action—especially when it comes to jobs and the economy. However, it is rare to see a poll conducted to survey rural citizens about their local governments.

After the events that have unfolded in the past few weeks, I would venture to guess that if the residents of the Town of Superior were surveyed and asked their opinion of their local government, it would be shockingly low.

In an unexplainable move, the local elected officials in Superior passed a resolution attempting to slow the progress of my land exchange bill and undermine the tremendous local support. This is a complete turn around by a council that has previously given its strong support—support which is overwhelmingly shared by the residents of the town and surrounding communities.

Every time I meet with constituents in Arizona, I'm faced with questions about what I'm doing to help Arizona's families find jobs and boost our local economy. I tell them that I have introduced my land exchange resolution to create jobs and help our economy. Last week, a House committee hearing was held to consider my bill, and **I stood firm to see that the truth was told about its impacts.**

Watch must see footage of the hearing below.

Round One: Rep. Gosar Takes on Local Council Member

The Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013 (H.R. 687) facilitates a land exchange for the development of an underground copper mine, which will provide **nearly 4,000 new jobs** in Arizona.



(Rep Gosar delivers his opening statement at a hearing on his major jobs bill, 03/21/13. Click above or [HERE](#) to watch)

The land exchange provides the framework for much needed high-tech, high-wage jobs. Receiving overwhelming support throughout the state, this bill is expected to substantially boost the Arizona economy. Click [HERE](#) or the video below to listen to a supporter of the bill.



(Stephen Miller delivers his opening statement at a hearing on the land exchange, 03/21/13.)

As many people familiar with mining communities know, an influx of over a thousand mining jobs will spur additional economic growth in a community. Those mine workers need restaurants to eat at, convenience stores to shop in, and homes to live in. Overall, independent analysis estimates the total economic impact of the project will be over **\$61 billion dollars**.

A few members of the Superior Town Council recently inexplicably reversed their position on the copper mine. I appreciate the outpour of support from the region and the assurances these folks do not speak for the majority of my constituents in the region. Click [HERE](#) or below to watch me question a council member on this jobs bill.



(Rep. Gosar questions Ms. Soyla "Kiki" Peralta of the Superior Town Council at a hearing on his major jobs bill, 03/21/13.)

This legislation is not only a jobs bill, but it's also a conservation bill. The lands the federal government acquires in the exchange are highly-coveted recreational and conservation areas. Click below or [HERE](#) to for more.



(Rep. Gosar questions Jennifer Krill of Earthworks at a hearing on his major jobs bill, 03/21/13.)

Round Two: Surrounding Areas Join the Fight

This week, the Central Arizona Governments Regional Council voted overwhelmingly to support my major jobs bill.

The deceitful and misguided efforts by the town council of Superior are notrepresentative of the will of the people in the town, or those in the surrounding area. Those involved should be ashamed of themselves.

As this public declaration by more than a dozen local stakeholders reaffirms, this project is a win-win for Arizona. Together, we can promote job creation, decrease mineral and energy dependence, and bolster Arizona's economy. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

Strong Bipartisan Support

This land exchange has strong bipartisan support across the State of Arizona, and below are letters from town, county, and state representatives in support of the bill (Click to view each).

County Government

Gila County Supervisor Michael Pastor Letter of Support (D)

Gila County Supervisor Tommie Martin - Gila County Letter of Support (R)

Pinal County Letter of Support

Arizona State Government

Governor Brewer Letter of Support to the Speaker of the House

Governor Brewer Letter of Support to Honorable Nancy Pelosi

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Senate President Biggs Letter of Support

State Sen Barb McGuire - Letter of Support (D)

State Rep. Frank Pratt Letter of Support (R)

State Rep. TJ Shope Letter of Support (R)

State Rep. Brenda Barton Letter of Support. (R)

Town Government

Town of Payson Letter of Support

Mayor of Globe Terence Wheeler Support

Superior City Councilman John Tameron Letter of Support

City of Apache Junction Letter of Support

To view other letters of support and to learn more about this legislation please click [HERE](#).

I remain committed to pro-growth policies and job creation that will spur the economy.

YOUR TURN TO JOIN THE FIGHT: FORWARD THIS TO A FRIEND

If this message was forwarded to you, please sign up for Rep. Gosar's enews at <http://gosar.house.gov>

As always, you can follow everything I am working on in Arizona and Washington, D.C. through my website (<http://gosar.house.gov>) on

Twitter [@repgosar](#), or through [Facebook](#) at Representative Paul Gosar.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.
Member of Congress

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