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The Honorable Paul Gosar (AZ-4)  
Member of Congress  
504 Cannon House Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Gosar,

On behalf of the American Supply Association (ASA), the national trade association serving wholesale distributors and manufacturers in the plumbing, heating, cooling, piping (PHCP) and industrial and mechanical pipe, valves, and fittings (PVF) industry, **I thank you for your leadership in introducing H.R. 687 , the *Southeast Land Exchange and Conservation Act***. ASA appreciates your efforts to address and expand our country's copper supply and improve access to America's untapped resources.

The PHCP and PVF channel encompasses nearly 3,600 corporations with 5,000 outlets and 75,000 employees nationwide. As a key channel partner in the homebuilding, remodeling and commercial construction industry, ASA's member companies are frequent users of copper for the fabrication of valves, pipes and other plumbing products. Ironically, during these difficult economic times, copper has become an attractive target for thieves. This, along with rising price caused by decreased supply, further impacts our industry. ASA appreciates your efforts, along with Natural Resources Committee to move this important legislation and ensuring that we responsibly increase our copper supply to meet our nation's ongoing demand.

As the representative of a region with immense quantities of this commodity, you can appreciate the unmatched value of copper to the industrial economy. By increasing our mining activity, we can increase our supply, keeping up with rising demand and hopefully bringing down the costs. We look forward to working with you to advance this critical issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Dan Hilton'.

Daniel Hilton  
Director of Government Affairs  
American Supply Association

cc: The Honorable Doc Hastings  
The Honorable Ed Markey