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Honorable John Boehner Speaker of the House US House of Representatives H-323, US Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

Honorable Nancy Pelosi Minority Leader Office of the Democratic Leader H-204, US Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi:

I understand H.R. 687, the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013, will receive a hearing in the House Natural Resources Committee this Thursday. I am supportive of this land exchange as well as the development of the Resolution Copper Mine project. It is my understanding that the resulting Arizona mine will produce 3,700 jobs for Arizonans and will bring an estimated \$61.4 billion into the Arizona economy over the life of the mine. I want to emphasize my support of this bi-partisan bill which has been sponsored by Representatives Paul Gosar and Ann Kirkpatrick.

This project will significantly impact the state of Arizona—as well as the rest of the nation—by creating jobs, stimulating economic growth in the state, promoting sustainable mining operations, harvesting a vital natural resource, and by protecting critical conservation lands—all without spending one cent of taxpayer money. It has strong bipartisan support throughout the state, particularly in rural Arizona.

I urge you to make every effort to move this legislation quickly to the House Floor for passage and transmission on to the US Senate for their consideration.

I am willing to assist in any way I can in order to see this legislation through to enactment for the betterment of the United States and the people of Arizona.

Sincerely,

Andy Biggs