



March 15, 2013

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:

We are writing to respectfully request and urge your support of the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange Conservation Act. As you are acutely aware, this land exchange represents a tremendous opportunity to improve the long term economic vitality of the State of Arizona. Additionally, this exchange would convey to the citizens of the United States thousands of acres of sensitive parcels offering permanent protection to endangered species, preservation of key riparian habitats, and conservation of some of Arizona's most valuable lands.

We understand this legislation, H.R. 687, will receive a hearing in the House Natural Resources Committee in the near future. The Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry strongly supports this bi-partisan bill which has been sponsored by Representatives Paul Gosar and Ann Kirkpatrick.

This land exchange would provide a substantial economic benefit to the state of Arizona. Throughout the life of the mine, this land exchange would generate over \$61 billion in economic value and contribute \$20 billion in tax revenue. In addition to the benefits to the local, state and federal government, the mine would provide 3,700 direct and indirect jobs that result in just over \$220 million in annual wages.

We believe Congress has an excellent opportunity to provide an ideal balance between the expansion of jobs, local and state revenues, and diverse economic activity while conserving ecologically sensitive and pristine lands for future generations. Following several years of in-depth research, study, and debate we submit to you our sincere hope that this legislation can



be swiftly approved so that the remarkable economic impacts of this exchange can begin to be fully implemented and realized.

Please let us know anything we can do to help you in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Hamer".

Glenn Hamer
President and CEO

cc: Representative Paul Gosar
Representative Ann Kirkpatrick