

May 10, 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 understand H.R. 687, the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013, could soon receive a markup in the House Natural Resources Committee. This legislation will allow for the development of the Resolution Copper Mine project which will create 3,700 direct and indirect jobs for Arizonans and others across America. Additionally, it will inject \$61.4 billion into the Arizona economy over the life of the mine. The Arizona Trucking Association strongly supports this bi-partisan bill which has been sponsored by Representatives Paul Gosar and Ann Kirkpatrick. Our industry, among many others, will benefit from the economic stimulus this project will generate.

H.R. 687 will convey 5,344 acres of high-value conservation lands to the federal government and allow for the full development of a world class copper deposit. In turn, it will provide high-paying jobs and produce over 20 percent of the annual US demand for copper. This project embodies what ATA stands for – high quality jobs and economic development in Arizona.

We respectfully request 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.

Please let us know anything we can do to help you pass this legislation.

Sincerely,

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President and CEO

cc:

Representative Paul Gosar

Representative Ann Kirkpatrick