



STATE OF ARIZONA

JANICE K. BREWER
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

March 26, 2013

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
1011 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner:

As the Governor of the State of Arizona, I am pleased to support the passage of legislation that will help generate \$16 billion in revenues to the federal government, creating 3,700 jobs and attracting more than \$6 billion in private investment. All this would be done without any public dollars or stimulus funds and would preserve thousands of acres of conservation lands.

I write to express my sincere desire for the immediate enactment of this critical legislation – HR 687, the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act. HR 687 enjoys the strong, bipartisan original sponsorship of Congressman Paul Gosar and Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick, among others in Arizona's delegation. As you know, this legislation was approved by the U.S. Senate in February of 2012, but, unfortunately, failed to pass the Senate before adjournment.

I urge you to swiftly move this bipartisan legislation so that we can, together, remove impediments to private sector job creation and stimulate our economy.

With many fiscal challenges on the horizon, Arizona and our nation need secure economic development. I am working hard to ensure a sustainable future for our state and encourage development that strikes a balance between economy and environment. A major component of this goal is to create a climate appealing to high-tech businesses while capitalizing on our economic strengths.

By the way of background, several years ago, exploration geologists discovered a world-class copper deposit just outside of Superior – a historic mining town about 65 miles southeast of Phoenix. The discovery of this deposit has given way to Resolution Copper and a proposed mining project that is expected to produce more than 1 billion pounds of copper annually, which represents more than 25 percent of the current U.S. demand for this critical natural resource.

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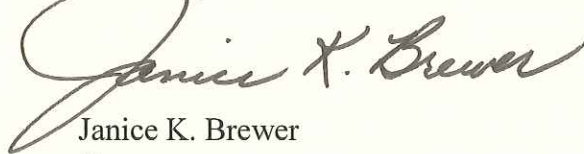
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This economic stimulus bill will bring private investment; provide badly needed jobs and economic growth to rural Arizona. Further it will contribute significant revenues to local, state and federal coffers; and protect valuable lands by conferring them to the federal government. Finally, HR 687 will not cost taxpayers one cent.

I have had the opportunity to learn about and personally visit Resolution Copper and have spent time with members of the community throughout the "Copper Basin." I am impressed by the support, patience and resolve of our citizens. Further, I am heartened by Resolution Copper's commitment to addressing concerns related to the local communities, the environment, and the multitude of stakeholders that have been part of the development of this legislation for the past several years.

It is of the utmost importance that this bill be enacted by Congress immediately. I urge your support of this legislation, and I invite you to visit our State to see, firsthand, the men and women who are working every day in Superior, Arizona, to make our nation a better place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice K. Brewer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Janice K. Brewer
Governor