



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:

H.R. 687, the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013, promises to provide a tremendous boost to job creation in both the US and Arizona economies. On behalf of our nearly 3,000 members the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce strongly supports this bi-partisan bill which has been sponsored by Representatives Paul Gosar and Ann Kirkpatrick.

We understand H.R. 687 will be heard in the House Natural Resources Committee in the near future and would ask 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.

The mine project will create 3,700 direct and indirect jobs for Arizonans and others across America, and it will inject \$61.4 billion into the Arizona economy over the life of the mine. Combine that with the tremendous natural resource of copper to our nation and the tremendous benefit to state and local governments (which stand to bring in \$5.8 billion in tax revenues over the life of the mine), and it is clear that this legislation deserves to secure passage and enactment.

H.R. 687 will make an enormous difference in the lives of Arizonans and, in fact, countless Americans, by creating jobs, promoting sustainable mining operations, harvesting a vital natural resource, protecting critical conservation lands, and revitalizing Arizona's economy – all without spending one cent of taxpayer money.

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

Sincerely,

Todd Sanders
President/CEO

cc: Representative Paul Gosar
Representative Ann Kirkpatrick