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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 in the near future. This legislation has strong bipartisan support throughout the state, in particular in rural Arizona.

This project 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.

I have served as Chairman of Agriculture and Water committee, and member of the Transportation, Energy Natural Resources committees. I have supported this land exchange and supported the development of the Resolution Copper Mine project.

Arizona needs the 3,700 direct and indirect jobs for Arizonans and the 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.

I 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.

I stand ready to assist you in any way I can to see this legislation through to enactment for the betterment of the United States and the people of Arizona.

Sincerely,



Representative Brenda Barton

cc: Representative Paul Gosar
Representative Ann Kirkpatrick