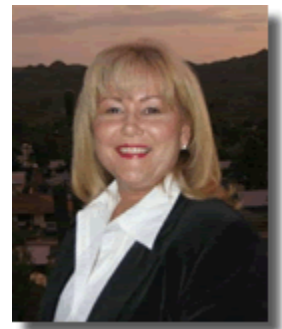


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March 19, 2013
Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
H-323, US Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner,

I write today in strong support of HR 687, the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013, which receives a hearing Thursday in the House Natural Resources Committee. As the State Senator representing Arizona's Copper Basin communities, I have long supported the Resolution Copper Mine - a project that depends on this legislation's land exchange. I'm heartened that HR 687 has bipartisan cosponsors in the House - Reps. Paul Gosar and Ann Kirkpatrick - because it has bipartisan support in our Copper Basin communities and across our state.

Plain and simple, this is about jobs. This project will infuse billions of dollars into Arizona's economy at a time when it is sorely needed. And there is no expense to taxpayers. The Copper Basin includes several small towns with a long legacy of copper mining -- we especially need the roughly 3,700 direct or indirect jobs the mine will create.

I've lived in this region my entire life, and I want the next generation to have the opportunity to stay, live and work in our copper communities if they so desire. This project will help create those opportunities, by creating jobs, protecting conservation areas, promoting modern mining operations, and jump-starting local and state economic development.

I urge you to support this legislation and help it pass the House of Representatives House so the U.S. Senate can take it under consideration. As a State Senator, as a member of the Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce, and as a proud Arizonan, I am certain this effort will improve the lives of my community and the people of Arizona.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara McGuire".
Senator Barbara McGuire