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Dear Member of Congress,

RE: H.R. 687- The Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013

The National Mining Association (NMA) urges you to vote yes for H.R. 687, The Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013, to convey 2400 acres of federal land in Pinal County, Ariz., to Resolution Copper. In exchange the federal government will receive 5300 acres of valuable privately owned conservation habitat that would go to both the United State Forest Service (USFS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

This land exchange is a win-win for the public by preserving 5300 acres of high quality Arizona conservation lands and providing long-term economic and social benefits to the people of Arizona. This legislation will facilitate the development of mineral resources used in the manufacturing, construction, energy and technology industries. The development of this project will generate \$61.4 billion in economic activity over its lifetime and create 3,700 high-wage jobs. The U.S. Treasury stands to gain \$14 billion in revenues over the life of the project as well.

NMA thanks Rep. Gosar (R-Ariz.) and Rep. Kirkpatrick (D- Ariz.) for their leadership on the introduction of H.R. 687. NMA urges members of Congress to support this important legislation and oppose any amendments that would be detrimental to job growth and economic development.

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