

September 29, 2011

The Honorable John A. Boehner
U.S. House of Representatives
1011 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for HR1904, Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act 2011

Dear Speaker Boehner:

U.S. manufacturers once again see opportunities to re-affirm our nation's position as the global leader in technology innovation and manufacturing, while growing the economy, creating well-paying jobs, and improving standards of living. Many of us believe that our success lies in the ability — and will — of the U.S. to take command of our own future, by becoming more reliant on our own resources, resourcefulness, and expertise.

That is why I am writing today.

Dowding Industries, with national manufacturing operations in Iowa and Michigan, supports HR 1904, introduced by Congressman Gosar to facilitate domestic production of copper and other critical minerals in his state of Arizona by authorizing the exchange of federal lands for this purpose.

The land exchange would result in Resolution Copper Company conveying privately held land of high habitat and conservation value to the government, and enable the company to conduct safe, responsible mining operations. Passage of this bill would also allow the creation of 3700 jobs, \$16 billion in federal tax revenue and over \$61 billion in overall economic impact without a single dollar of federal stimulus.

Mineral production is fundamental to manufacturing, and to the competitive economic strength of U.S. manufacturers and our products. Minerals are fundamental to innovations and technologies we recognize today as commonplace — like smart phones, iPads, and airliners, and others we recognize as the way of the future — like advanced energy technologies. We also recognize that domestic metals production — as with domestic manufacturing — is a matter of economic national security.

Dowding Machining is developing new technologies that could revolutionize the alternative energy industry. The company is working to design and manufacture state-of-the-art machine tools to make massive wind-turbine components with reduced time and cost, and build a new generation of wind turbine blades. Dowding Industries is a precision metals fabricator; we specialize in custom

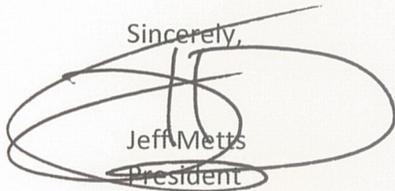
machining for the energy, mass transportation, and industrial equipment sectors. In all cases, metal, and the key minerals that comprise them, are at the heart of our business units.

We understand the land exchange would enable Resolution Copper to access what may be one of the largest copper ore bodies ever identified in North America. Mining operations will benefit the local, state, and national economies for many years to come. Technology industries, of which Dowding Industries is a part, will benefit from the economic impact of this very sizeable domestic raw material production.

I commend your vision for ensuring the economic strength of our nation and its manufacturing sector, and your leadership role in advancing the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act for achieving this vision.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jeff Metts
President

Cc: The Honorable Eric Cantor, Virginia
The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, California
The Honorable Paul Gosar, Arizona
The Honorable Timothy Walberg, Michigan