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The Honorable Paul Gosar
Member of Congress
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Gosar,

RE: H.R. 1904- The Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2011

The National Mining Association (NMA) expresses its strong support for H.R. 1904, The Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2011, to convey 2400 acres of federal land in Pinal County, Ariz., to Resolution Copper. In exchange the federal government will receive 5300 acres of privately owned high-value conservation habitat that would go to both the United State Forest Service (USFS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). This land exchange is necessary to protect the global competitiveness of the U.S. mining industry and will provide high-paying jobs and improve a weakened economy.

This legislation will help create economic benefits through direct mining operations, supplier purchases and by salaries paid to working will in turn contribute to the local and national economy. H.R. 1904 will provide \$61.4 billion over its lifetime and will provide 3,700 jobs annually, equating to \$220.5 million in annual wages. More importantly, H.R. 1904 will provide \$14 billion to the U.S. Treasury over the life of the project. With record deficits and high unemployment Congress cannot turn its back on thousands of jobs and billions in revenues.

NMA thanks you for your leadership on the introduction of H.R. 1904 and urges House leadership to bring this important legislation up for consideration in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

Hal Quinn
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