



City of Apache Junction

Home of the Superstition Mountains

March 20, 2013

The Honorable Jeff Flake
United States Senate
Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Paul A. Gosar
United States House of Representatives
House of Representatives Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Letter of Support – Resolution Copper

Dear Senator Flake and Representative Gosar,

On behalf of myself, the Apache Junction City Council and indeed our entire City, I wish to reiterate our strong support for Resolution Copper's efforts at re-establishing an economically viable, and environmentally sound mining operation in Superior, Arizona.

I have for many decades lived and worked my entire adult life in either Globe or Apache Junction and seen first-hand the economic devastation that occurs to small communities when a mine closes. I know how critical the success of the Resolution Copper initiative is not only to Superior, but to this region and indeed our entire state. I recognize that the future economic security of our nation is impacted, since copper is a strategic metal vital to sustaining many of our defense industries but is equally essential to help create a domestic production capability for many emerging "green technologies" and the career opportunities they offer.

I strongly urge bipartisan support for this project and rapid passage of and the enabling legislation through the United States Congress. If I can be of further assistance do not hesitate to contact me or my staff at (480) 474-5050.

Sincerely,

Johnny Insalaco, Mayor
City of Apache Junction, AZ