

Queen Creek Coalition
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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing concerning S.B. 339 and H.R. 687, the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013.

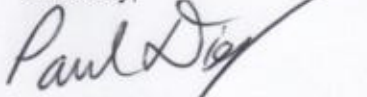
The Queen Creek Coalition, a federally recognized 501(c)(3) tax exempt non-profit organization registered in the State of Arizona, is and has been the principal representative of Arizona rock climbers on the proposed Land Exchange and copper mine project near Superior, Arizona. The Queen Creek Coalition has been involved in negotiations with Resolution Copper since 2004 regarding the rock climbing on lands currently owned by Resolution Copper and the future rock climbing on federal parcels that would become Resolution Copper property in the event the Land Exchange is approved by Congress.

In July of 2012 the Queen Creek Coalition entered into a long term Recreational Use License that represents a fulfillment of those years of negotiations. We are very pleased with the outcome and commend Resolution Copper for its willingness to negotiate a fair settlement.

The Queen Creek Coalition believes that by working with Resolution Copper long term goals can be achieved for the parties. This Recreational Use License allows recreation, rock climbing and mining to co-exist in and around Oak Flat for future generations and provides a key component for a potential sustainable economy.

If you ever would like more information on the Queen Creek Coalition, rock climbing issues, or on our agreement with Resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Paul Diefenderfer, Chair

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