Committee on Natural Resources Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States Remote Legislative Hearing - Cisco WebEx April 13, 2021 1:00 p.m.

Legislative Hearing on <u>H.R. 1884</u> (Rep. Raúl Grijalva), *To repeal* section 3003 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015, and for other purposes.

Questions from Rep. Gosar for Mila Besich, Mayor of the Town of Superior

- 1. How long has the NEPA process taken?
- 2. How many different changes has the mine project undergone--to both the scope and because of tribal and public input?
- 3. Could you talk about some of the concessions made throughout the consultation process to mitigate the impacts of the mine?
- 4. Could you talk about the community investments that have been made in anticipation of the project?
- 5. As part of the land exchange legislation in 2014, the Town of Superior was authorized purchase some parcels of land. How would the inability to purchase these lands impact Superior?
- 6. In your testimony you mention the Town of Superior is seeking to expand its recreational economy. Can you talk a bit about how Resolution Copper and recreational users interact now? Do you believe mining and recreation can co-exist into the future?
- 7. Have you or your staff had an opportunity to review the Final Environmental Impact Statement in detail, yes or no? Do you believe the outcome is thorough and should proceed? Have you been able to work with Resolution Copper to find solutions for issues outside of the EIS scope?
- 8. In your opinion what would it mean to your community and surrounding region if the Land Exchange were to be repealed, or if the FEIS is not re-published.