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March 24, 2021

President Joe Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

The Pinal County Board of Supervisors, wish to express our ongoing support for the Resolution Copper project and land exchange, which will provide critical economic growth and opportunity, and support the culture and heritage of future generations. We have been active participants in the decade-long consultation process that produced meaningful changes in the scope of the project as requested by communities and stakeholders and resulted in our support for the publication of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Resolution Copper Mine in the Federal Register on January 15, 2021. We are writing to you now to express our concern about the last-minute decision to rescind the FEIS for the Resolution Copper Mine.

Mining is an important part of the heritage of Pinal County. Resolution Copper has demonstrated that it will support preservation of this heritage and rural economic development with measures such as the Copper Triangle Cultural Heritage Preservation Fund and the Copper Triangle Community Development Fund. Both measures will help provide the tools necessary for our rural communities to prosper beyond mining and well into the future. The Castleberry Campground and many other recreational trails and new access to climbing will support a continued tradition of world class outdoor recreation while also expanding economic diversification opportunities for local communities. Resolution Copper has also agreed to restore the landscape by spending \$75 million on reclaiming the historic footprint of the Magma Copper Mine, all while using and building the capacity of our local community contractors.

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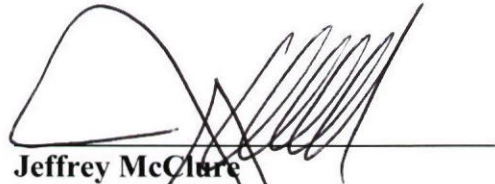
We commend the United States Forest Service, Tonto National Forest for their thorough, thoughtful, and transparent process in which they listened to all stakeholders and made many changes to the project scope in response to those voices. Local communities, Native American Tribes, and other stakeholders actively participated with local, federal, and state cooperating agencies to provide meaningful input throughout the process. Comment timeframes have been generous and extended several times at the request of interested parties. The FEIS is nearly 3000 pages and Appendix S of the Final EIS contains hundreds of consultations spanning more than a decade. We urge you to review the FEIS and all the components of the project record and proceed with the FEIS and land exchange so that transparency, fairness, and public confidence in the regulatory process can be maintained, and that the many benefits of the project for our residents and the County can be realized.

Sincerely,

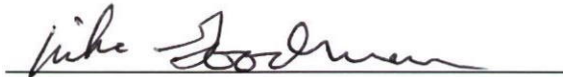
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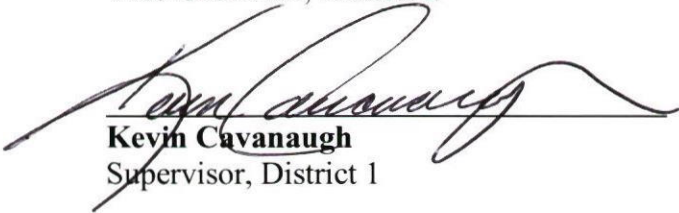
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CC: Tom Vilsack, United States Secretary of Agriculture