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Subject: Support for the Resolution Copper Programmatic Agreement

Dear Mr. Nelson,

As Supervisor of District 5 in Pinal County, Arizona, I write to you with my constituents in mind. Before I became Supervisor, I served as Mayor of the city of Apache Junction for two terms. My years of public service have allowed me to take action in the face of opportunity, particularly when that opportunity would improve the lives of those residing in Pinal County. The Resolution Copper mine is one such opportunity. This copper mine is crucial for the continued success of the County and has been an important factor in planning for the future of the County for over a decade. I urge you to reconsider ACHP's position on this project, which will benefit all involved parties so greatly, as soon as possible.

The Resolution Copper mine is supported by a bi-partisan group of constituents around the County and presents a unique opportunity to benefit all groups and individuals involved. The residents who would benefit from the copper mine are many, as its development would create new jobs while increasing economic activity in rural Pinal County. The COVID-19 pandemic has only compounded the difficulties already felt by families that feel like they've been left behind in our changing economy. The copper mine is an opportunity for continued economic growth in an industry that is familiar to the state of Arizona. Copper mining is engrained in our state's heritage, so much so that it's depicted on the state seal. It is undoubtedly woven in the fabric of Arizona's history, and the Programmatic Agreement was designed to ensure that tradition would continue with a number of cultural preservation measures in place.

This project is nearly a decade in the making and has already been through a significant amount of scrutiny. The USFS has processed the Programmatic Agreement through rigorous review while accepting feedback from all those involved and interested in its outcome. It has been developed to include measures supporting the interests of Native American Tribes, the environment, Pinal County and the state of Arizona, and should not now fail at the finish line. As I mentioned previously the copper mine has bi-partisan support, and I firmly believe its development is in the best interest of all those involved. I strongly urge you to reconsider the ACHP's position and support the project's progression, and the future of Pinal County.

Sincerely,

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