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The Honorable Raúl Grijalva
U.S. House of Representatives
1324 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Grijalva,

On behalf of the more than 359,000 members of the United Association of Union Plumbers and Pipefitters (UA), I write to express our support for the Resolution Copper Mine near Superior, Arizona and our strong opposition to H.R. 1884, of which you are the original sponsor. This bill would effectively put thousands of union members out of work while hindering our ability to compete in the global market and reach our shared climate goals.

As you know, President Biden has already indicated strong support for Buy American provisions as part of both the American Rescue Plan and the American Jobs Plan. The Resolution Copper Mine will ensure that Buy American is not just the goal, but the standard when it comes to our nation's energy infrastructure. This project has the potential to supply up to 25% of our nation's entire copper supply – a massive project that translates to more good-paying union jobs and clean energy sources. If we are to truly build back better and deliver the massive infrastructure projects this country so desperately needs, the Resolution Copper Mine must play a central role.

The Arizona Building and Construction Trades Council (AZBTC), of which UA Local 469 is an affiliate member, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Resolution Copper Mines that will guarantee union labor throughout the construction, operation, and shut-down phases of the mine through a Project Labor Agreement (PLA). Simply put, this PLA means the project will employ nearly 5,000 highly skilled building trades craftspeople. Reversing this land exchange, as H.R. 1884 would do, would kill these jobs, prevent the addition of nearly \$1 billion to Arizona's economy during each year of operation, and prevent the generation of an estimated \$88-113 million in extra state and local tax revenue each year.

On behalf of UA Local 469 and our members across the United States, I urge you to pull H.R. 1884 from consideration and support the thousands of union jobs the Resolution Copper Mine provides. The entire United Association stands ready to work with you to reach our shared climate goals while delivering reliable and affordable sources of energy and infrastructure to all Arizonans and Americans.

Sincerely yours,

Mark McManus
General President, UA

