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Delivered Via Email: [rmelson@achp.gov](mailto:rmelson@achp.gov)

Re: Support for the Resolution Copper Programmatic Agreement

Dear Mr. Nelson,

As the Mayor of Apache Junction, I have spent years of my life dedicated to the preservation and success of not only Apache Junction, but the communities surrounding us. To ensure only the best for our communities, other community leaders and I have devoted our lives to listening to our people and having their desires be heard. Along with this continued support, we continue to stand behind our culture, and preserve the heritage and treasures the desert gives to us. To further the success of our communities, I have been involved in and supportive of the Resolution Copper project for several years. The Resolution Copper project not only will have a substantial impact on Pinal County, but the many communities surrounding it.

After tirelessly working for the past several years to have this project see its end, it was heart breaking to hear the White House Advisory Council decided to terminate their consultation on the Programmatic Agreement after involvement with the project for several years and months of commitment. It was quite shocking to hear that ACHP had such a substantial change of heart, as most of the interested parties and stakeholders have continuously supported the Resolution Copper project. The imperative impacts of the Resolution Copper project are monumental for the communities surrounding Pinal County. Specifically, the project spells out measures to address the cultural heritage surrounding the Native American Tribes and local Copper Communities by including ways we can preserve such communities moving forward. Such examples of preservation from the Programmatic Agreement itself include a Native American Education Endowment, Native American Tribal Endowment, and additional preservation funds and initiatives. Further, FEIS mitigations triggered by a Final Record of Decision include community development funds, preservation of communities, and constructing new trails to embrace our



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beautiful desert. These measures are just the beginning of the positive impacts the Programmatic Agreement and Final Record of Decision will bring to our communities.

With the support of the leaders and communities behind this project, including myself, I am hopeful and confident ACHP will change its position on the Resolution Copper Programmatic Agreement and join all other required signatories on the Programmatic Agreement. Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity for our communities to be heard.

Sincerely,

Chip Wilson  
Mayor of Apache Junction

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