The Honorable Edward Markey  
Ranking Minority Member  
House Natural Resources Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2108 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Markey:

I am writing as Chairman of the Tohono O’odham Nation, to express the Nation’s opposition to H.R. 1904, proposed legislation that would allow Resolution Copper Company to develop the largest copper mine in North America in a section of the Tonto National Forest in Arizona. The Nation appreciates and supports Representative Lujan’s efforts to protect sacred sites in the vicinity of the proposed mining operation. However we are still concerned that there has not been adequate consultation with Indian tribes in Arizona. At a minimum, Congress should consult with the Arizona tribes before taking steps to pass this bill which could have serious consequences for Tribal lands, and Tribal natural and cultural resources.

We hope that you will be mindful of the negative consequences to these irreplaceable Tribal lands and natural resources and oppose the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

Ned Norris, Jr.  
Chairman

cc: Representative Raul Grijalva  
Representative Gabrielle Giffords  
Representative Ed Pastor