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U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC

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TO: House Natural Resources Committee

RE: HR 687 (Oak Flat Land Exchange)

Dear Representative,

Referencing the above legislation, the Town Council of Superior, Arizona continues to oppose HR 687 for the following reasons:

- The lack of a Hydrological Assessment (amount of water to be used, how will it be acquired, will it be contaminated, if recovered & stored—where?), Environmental Assessment (NEPA not being addressed until after the public land is handed over to the private sector—in direct conflict of the purpose of the law) and Mining Plan of Operation/Method (no mining plan of operation has ever been submitted and “block-cave” mining is extremely destructive with irreversible consequences, ie. where will the waste tailings be located?) referencing the proposed Resolution Copper Mine. These issues have never been adequately disclosed, discussed and/or addressed prior to this legislation being introduced for Congressional consideration.
- The Town of Superior is also very concerned that outstanding Tribal and Municipal issues have not been addressed and resolved prior to the Bills’ introduction.
- The Town of Superior has serious issues with the language of the Act and has no Social and Environmental Impacts Agreement between the Town and Resolution Copper Company.
- The Town of Superior was not consulted by Resolution Copper Company regarding the specific language of the ACT as it would directly affect the Town (Section 9 of the Bill) prior to the Bills’ introduction, and that neither Arizona Congressional Members (Reps. Gosar & Kirkpatrick, who sponsored the Bill), at no time consulted or advised Town officials of the Bill prior to their Congressional submittal.

Because of these extremely important issues and serious concerns, the Superior Town Council cannot and will not support H.R. 687 as submitted, and furthermore opposes any support and/or enactment of the legislation at any Local, County, State or Federal level.

Sincerely,

Soyla “Kiki” Peralta, Councilmember
Superior Town Council