



October 24, 2011

The Honorable Paul A. Gosar (AZ – 1)  
Member of Congress  
504 Cannon House Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Gosar:

On behalf of the American Supply Association (ASA), the national organization serving wholesale distributors and their suppliers in the plumbing, heating, cooling and industrial and mechanical pipe, valves and fittings industries, we applaud you for addressing our nation's copper supply and the potential to utilize America's untapped resources. **We support passage of H.R. 1904, the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act**, which would convey federal and non-federal land to Resolution Copper, LLC, in exchange for land of equal value.

The Plumbing, Heating, Cooling and Piping (PHCP) and industrial and mechanical Pipe, Valves and Fittings (PVF) channel encompasses nearly 3,600 corporations with 5,300 outlets and 75,000 employees nationwide. Our industry is a significant user of copper for the fabrication of valves, pipes and fittings, among other uses. Ironically, during these challenging economic times, as you may know, copper has increasingly become an attractive target for thieves, which also has an impact on our industry. ASA appreciates your efforts along with the Committee on Natural Resources to ensure that we responsibly increase our copper supply to meet our nation's ongoing demand.

As the representative of a region with vast quantities of this commodity, you can appreciate the unmatched value of copper to the industrial economy. By increasing our mining activity, we will create thousands of jobs both directly and indirectly and make great strides in improving our economy by securing domestic stocks of copper.

Sincerely,

Daniel Hilton  
Director of Government Affairs

CC: The Honorable Doc Hastings  
The Honorable Edward Markey

