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The Honorable Paul Gosar  
Member of Congress  
U.S. House of Representatives  
504 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Gosar:

On behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), thank you for your efforts to address the important issue of domestic natural resources, in particular copper. As you know, copper is used in a number of manufacturing applications which include alternative energy infrastructure, renewable energy products, consumer electronics and hybrid cars among others; and therefore, its availability is important to manufacturers and the manufacturing process.

By way of background, the NAM is the largest industrial trade association in the U.S., representing over 11,000 small, medium and large manufacturers in all 50 states. We are the leading voice in Washington, D.C. for the manufacturing economy, which provides millions of high wage jobs in the U.S. and generates more than \$1.6 trillion in GDP. In addition, two-thirds of our members are small businesses, which serve as the engine for job growth.

This legislation will be the first step in helping the United States to meet more of our domestic demand for copper. In fact, the proposed mine would produce enough copper to meet about 25% of the current U.S. demand. In doing so, it will also create jobs and generate nearly \$20 billion in federal, state, county and local tax revenue.

We thank you for your efforts and recognition of this important issue and the impact it has on U.S. manufacturers.

Sincerely,



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