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The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva
Chairman
Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Ranking Member
Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 1884 in Reconciliation Budget – The Resolution Copper Mine

Dear Chairman Grijalva and Ranking Member Westerman:

On behalf of our member companies who depend upon the use of copper to produce manufactured goods for the American public and for national security, we urge bipartisan action to not rescind or repeal the long-standing land exchange agreement that allows for the development of needed domestic copper production. Congress has had multiple Congressional hearings that make it clear that our nation's vulnerability to supply chain disruptions is caused by dependence upon foreign sources of essential raw materials, such as copper.

IECA is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.1 trillion in annual sales, over 4,200 facilities nationwide, and with more than 1.8 million employees. ***One hundred percent of IECA's membership is manufacturing companies.*** IECA membership represents a diverse set of industries including chemicals, plastics, steel, iron ore, aluminum, paper, food processing, fertilizer, insulation, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, building products, automotive, independent oil refining, and cement.

U.S. manufacturers do not have an alternative to copper and it is a critical and essential raw material for thousands of products. Increasing domestic production of copper will increase supply and potentially reduce the delivered cost, which will have a deflationary effect on consumer prices.

Finally, supporting the Resolution Copper Mine will create much needed family sustaining jobs. Job creation is a bipartisan issue. Thank you for considering our input.

Sincerely,

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President & CEO

cc: The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, House Republican Leader
The Honorable Charles E. Schumer, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Senate Republican Leader
House Committee on Natural Resources
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources