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As a person who lives within a half mile of the site in which this mine will be located, I do not support the permits being sought. The vague promises of jobs and economy strengthening have no basis in the realities of those who live in this area. From my yard at the foot of the Santa Ritas, i can look out over the community below us and get a good sense of just how many lives will be negatively affected by the impacts on our air, water, and beautiful scenery if this mine is allowed. We get wind gusts up here as high as 60 mph on a regular basis. It is absurd to think the amounts of soil displacement required for the mine won't severely impact our environment.

As for the economic impact, all of these properties will lose value because of their proximity to the mine, which will in turn affect the amount of property tax we can be assessed. There are simply no real benefits to our local, state, or national economy, and the negative impacts are huge. Why would we destroy our own finite resources just to enrich the economies of other countries?

And this is the ultimate reality. Hudbay is a Canadian company, and they have expressly told us they intend to ship the copper they recover to China. Which means Canada will benefit, China will benefit, and we will pay the price for their prosperity in the loss of our irreplaceable mountains and our health.