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I urge you to reject the proposed air-pollution permit for the Copper World mine. As it's currently drafted, the proposed permit does little to ensure the mine protects our air or environment. Instead, it gives the mine a free pass to pollute.

The draft permit would allow for the construction of a massive open-pit mining operation in the Santa Rita Mountains south of Tucson. Daily operations will include blasting, ore crushing, processing, and the construction of a sulfuric acid plant. These activities have the potential to release thousands of tons of toxic air pollution every year, threatening public health and the environment.

I lived in the shadow of the Santa Rita Mountains for almost forty years. I've ridden my horses and hiked this incredible area, and have encountered many of the wonderful animals that call these mountains home. I've been privileged to view much of this range from a helicopter – and was awed by the beauty, the diversity of plants and seeing the seeps and springs supporting this magical environment. To destroy so much of this treasure to satisfy the greed of a foreign mining entity is nothing short of criminal.

Respectfully,

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