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I am appalled at the tactics Hudbay is using to strong-arm this project through the official channels. The points I list below are my responses as a CdT resident who will suffer the effects of Hudbay's greed. I live south of CdT in the foothills, and these are some of the ways that I know the mine will affect our lives:

First point: "The Copper We Need Mined and Made in America": This is a headline for an invitation that was sent out to support Hudbay at the Sept. 10th meeting. Hudbay is a Canadian company! More importantly, the copper is to be exported to China. This is not rumor; we in the Ocotillo Ranch Preserve, who live right beside this proposed mine, heard that straight from Jerry Bustamante and one of the executives of Hudbay. The copper will benefit China, and the profits will benefit Canada. The only benefit Arizona will see are the mid to low level jobs it will bring. Second point-The terms of the permits being sought are too lenient and based on erroneous and misleading information. The winds we regularly experience "up the hill" exceed the upper limits of the permit by far. I'm not just talking about "wind events." I mean regular changes in the weather that get winds so high that we have literally had a substantial canvas canopy blow away, never to be seen again. We've had heavy grills blow over, outdoor furniture blow away, and other types of wind effects on an otherwise regular afternoon. Any dust that this mine produces will be impossible to contain!

Third point: From our yard we are looking down on the rooftops of all the homes on the west side of Corona de Tucson. There is absolutely no windbreak between here and there that will keep all the dust from blowing down the hill and becoming a smog cover for that area.

These are just the obvious problems that one person can see with this project, without even getting into the effects on our precious water supply.

Hudbay will destroy our beautiful environment, kill or chase off our wildlife, ruin our property values and take away most of the reason we have moved out here in the first place. Please, as our representatives, do not support this destructive endeavor.