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To whom it may concern: I am a 15 + year resident of Sycamore Canyon development in Vail, Arizona. Our community is fast growing with many schools, parks, trails etc. We knew when we moved to Vail in 2009 that there could be a mine in the area, and to be honest we didn't think much about it. However, after living here and experiencing the wind (the Vail Gale as it's called by locals) my concern about the air quality from the mine is the dust from the mine and run off. We recently took two of our grandkids on the ASARCO mine tour off I19. They were wowed by the depth of the pit, the vehicles hauling their load, the smelting of the copper and and to be honest the whole tour in general (they are 13 and 11 and attend schools in Vail). Then, heading back to the ASARCO building in the coach we stopped to see the ocean like tailings as far as the eye could see. Then as the wind blew the dust from the tailings, my 13 year old grandson asked what happens when you breath in that dust. Just with that, when a 13 year old realizes that the dust will be harmful when blowing in the air, not to mention what happens when it sinks into the land and gets introduced into the water table. The people of Vail, Corona de Tucson and other communities in our area are concerned for the health and welfare of all of the residents. Those tailings are going to running down washes and other areas and heading into our community. When they dry that wind is going to be blowing that dust around which we will all be inhaling. Our schools overlook that mine and our children are going to be exposed to that dust every day. We cannot standby and be silent while our communities are put in jeopardy by a mining company out to make money at the expense of the Vail residents..