**TO: Governor Katie Hobbs, engage@az.gov**

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Dear Governor Hobbs,

Please require AZEQ to retract the Class II air quality permit given to the Copper World project and restart the permit process with the goal of issuing a more protective Class I permit. **ADEQ must redo the air permit process so that ADEQ can correctly calculate the air pollutions levels.**

Save the Scenic Santa Ritas and FICO filed an appeal with ADEQ on January 30, asking that the Class II permit be retracted because ADEQ had misclassified potential mine emissions. The misclassification led ADEQ to underestimate air pollution that would be created by the mine and to improperly give the Copper World project a less-protective Class II permit. I support this appeal and respectfully request that ADEQ retract the Class II permit.

**Please also note that Hudbay is a foreign mining company that will be extracting profits from our state while putting at risk the environment, health, and the local economy.** The Copper World mine complex will destroy the northern half of the Santa Rita Mountains and expose nearby families to toxic air and groundwater pollution.

Sincerely,