

SUGGESTED DRAFT LETTER FOR BUSINESSES THAT RELY ON TOURIST REVENUES

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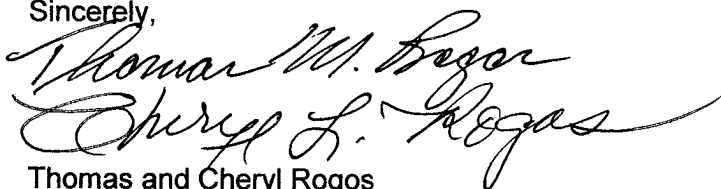
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Dear Ms. Everson

I'm writing to express my concerns about the potential impact of the proposed Rosemont Copper Mine on my business, La Hacienda de Sonoita, in Sonoita, Arizona. Approximately 100% of my business revenue is generated by visitors to the area. According to a recent study conducted by the Sonoran Institute, decreased revenues from outdoor recreation and tourism due to the proposed mine will be significant, and will most likely generate costs to the local economy far in excess of any potential benefits. Any decrease in revenues will no doubt threaten my livelihood and increase the cost of, or potentially deprive visitors and local residents of my services.

The threat that the proposed mine will pose to our region's rural economy, property values, and lifestyle is of such significance, complexity, and scale that the development of effective mitigation measures will necessarily require an independent and comprehensive study of these adverse impacts by a multidiscipline team of recognized experts in their respective fields. Only after the study is completed can we consider possible mitigation measures. At the very least, as a condition of Forest Service approval of Augusta's Mine Plan of Operation, Augusta and any successors in ownership of the mine must be required to agree in writing that Augusta shall compensate all persons for lost income and lost property value due to the mine.

Sincerely,



Thomas and Cheryl Rogos
La Hacienda de Sonoita