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Dear Chairman Foreman and Members of the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee,

My name is Mylan Webb and I will be a senior in the Yail School District this year. For the last five years I have watched and helped my mother and others in our neighborhood do community service. We have tried to fight against and even work with companies trying to come in and pollute our area. We have tried to get parks and libraries for kids and adults because we don't have any and tried to save historic sites. I have stapled a news article where I talked about some of the blights our area already has to this letter. I also volunteer for the Southern Arizona Aids Foundation Moda Provocateur.

This is what I think about this electric business. My Mom and Mr. Magruder work harder than those lawyers because they actually care about their communities. My Mom becomes engrossed with this stuff because she does not know what she is doing and has to work harder to figure it out. She is on the computer and phone all of the time when the meetings are going to happen. We do not get to spend any time with her then. We do not even live in the actual place where the other case happened, and we do not live in the actual place where this case is happening either. My Mom and Mr. Magruder do this stuff because no one else will. It seems that way to me anyhow.. Please consider the amount of electric projects there will be in the future. There are already so many electric towers and lines in our area.

One of the worst things is the amount of money she has to spend to send all of the papers to Phoenix. I remember at the last case on the last day, about five of the people who were had been on the committee just left their papers there for the garbage. You could see that had not even read the papers my Mom had to copy and I had to put together. My Mom made me pick up the stuff to save in case she might need it for another trial. If my Mom and Mr. Magruder do this and spend their own money you would think the people who get paid would at least pretend they are interested. It was uncomfortable watching my Mom at the last trial because she did not know what she was doing. But, she tries.

I don't think they should have to go to a trial. Like, why can't the electric company just consider what the people want or be honest with them about what is going to happen? Why can't the electric company bargain with the people before the trial to make sure things are ok for the communities? Why do they wait to the last minute so my Mom is running around to meetings and spending money on so many copies and gas?

I like the idea she has of a group made up of the people I have met in the years I have been helping. People like Sandy from Corona, Kim and Charlotte from Sonoita Highway, people from the Hilton Ranch Rd. Association, J.Lamb from the Yail Preservation Society and also some students from the school district. I hope you will seriously consider it because it is not fair what happens to families every time there is an electric trial.

Thank you

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# Tucson Citizen

## Mine opposed; much of copper for Asia

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Just more than 200 people filed into an auditorium at Sahuarita High School on Saturday to hear views on a proposed mine.

The public hearing - part of the recently extended comment period for a mile-wide, open-pit mine proposed for the eastern flank of the Santa Rita Mountains - drew about 60 speakers, the vast majority against the mine.

Mylan Webb, 16, who lives about five miles from the mine site, was among the detractors of the Rosemont Mine. She recited a list of blights that her rural community already has, including a gravel mine, abandoned mine shafts, cell phone towers and gas supply lines. She doesn't want another one.

She urged the Forest Service to consider the impact on the families that live nearby.

"We will have the trucks. We will have the dust. We will have the leftover mess," Webb said.

Jamie Sturgess, vice president for sustainable development for Augusta Resource Corp., the Canadian company that hopes to pull copper, molybdenum and silver from the mine for 19 years, defended the mine.

It will bring about 500 jobs paying \$60,000 per year into southern Arizona. More than 100 locals are already employed planning for the mine, mostly in Tucson consulting firms, Sturgess said.

Several speakers pointed out that much of the copper would be for the Asian market, which Sturgess conceded.

"But even if our copper does go to China, there's other products that come back that we do use that contain that copper," he said.

Sturgess said he does not think he was attacked, despite the jeers and comments that follow him at public hearings about the mine. There are thousands of people who would be directly or indirectly employed by the mine, he said.

"They're not here because we don't know who they are yet," he said.

Other concerns raised by mine opponents were for water use, increased truck traffic - and thus danger - along state Route 83; the cost of increased emergency calls because of that traffic and the loss of a chunk of the ever-dwindling natural beauty of southern Arizona.

The Forest Service will hold one more hearing - 6 p.m. June 30 at Tucson's Rincon High School, 421 N. Arcadia Ave. - to take comments.

The service will not stop taking comments after the official comment period ends July 14, a spokeswoman said.

"We will continue to accept comments past that point," said Heidi Schewel of the Coronado National Forest.

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### TO COMMENT ON THE MINE

- In person: 6 p.m., June 30, Rincon High School, 421 N. Arcadia Ave.
- By mail: Team Leader, Rosemont Copper Project, Coronado National Forest, 300 W. Congress St., Tucson, AZ 85701
- By fax: 388-8305. Attn: Rosemont Team Leader
- By e-mail: [comments-southwestern-coronado@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-southwestern-coronado@fs.fed.us). Put "Rosemont" in the subject line.

#### ON THE WEB

Coronado National Forest Rosemont Mine page  
Save the Scenic Santa Ritas, an anti-mine nonprofit  
Augusta Resource Corp. Web site