



**Petition to repeal Section 3003 for the National Defense Authorization Act which would turn over Oak Flat to Rio Tinto to allow them free reign to build a huge and destructive mine.**

To: The U.S. Congress and other decision-makers

*Dear Member of Congress,*

*Please repeal Section 3003 of the National Defense Authorization Act. Section 3003 (the Oak Flat land exchange) has nothing to do with national defense and instead would turn over a sacred site that is critical for religious freedom of Native Americans to foreign mining companies who have stated they would ship US minerals outside the United States for processing.*

*Oak Flat is public land within the Tonto National Forest. Oak Flat is not only sacred; it is a recreational and ecological haven. President Eisenhower protected much of Oak Flat from mining. If the US Congress can give a protected sacred site to foreign mining companies, what public lands are truly safe?*

*Section 3003 dictates that Oak Flat cannot be given away for several years. This gives you time to work with your colleagues to correct an error made in haste at the end of the last Congress. Please work to protect Oak Flat for future generations.*

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