



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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Ms. Cheryl A. Schmit
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Cheryl:
Dear Ms. Schmit:

This is in response to your letter to Governor Schwarzenegger regarding the recent Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal decision in *Cabazon Band of Mission Indians v. Smith*. You stated your concerns with the ruling and the impact it may have on the state and its citizens. You also requested that the state take action to appeal the Ninth Circuit's ruling.

As you know, the State of California was not a defendant in the *Cabazon* case and, therefore, cannot appeal the court's ruling. We will, however, review the court's decision in light of the concerns outlined in your letter and discuss possible further action in this case with the law enforcement community.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Peter Siggins in black ink.

PETER SIGGINS
Legal Affairs Secretary