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Honorable Dan Lungren
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RE: Support for HR 1654

Dear Congressman Lungren:

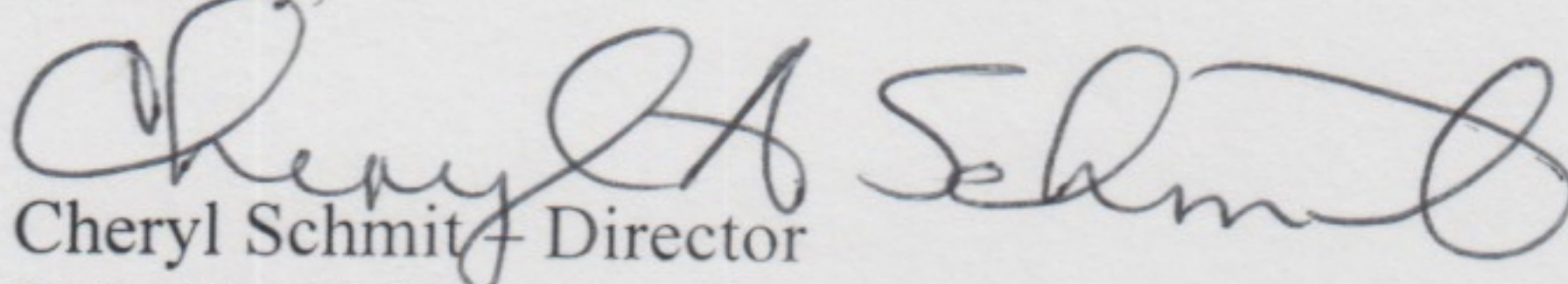
Stand Up For California as you know, has been involved with issues associated with Indian gaming for many years in California and frequently serves as a resource to policy makers and elected officials at the local, state and national level. We appreciate the hard work of your staff and your willingness to address this concern crucially affecting California. We submit this letter of support on H. R. 1654.

As Attorney General of California as early as 1996 you were one of the first elected officials to acknowledge the need for an opportunity for citizens to voice their concerns over the expansion of tribal gaming on newly acquired lands. Therefore it gives our organization great pleasure to support federal legislation authored by you that ensures tribal gaming continues to provide opportunity and progress for tribes but not at the expense of local governments or neighboring communities.

This fundamental reform establishes a sense of balance guaranteeing that local communities have a voice at the table ensuring that their interest will be considered. Local governments who are the key service providers to communities of citizens, businesses and tribal governments will have an opportunity to address the large geographic perspectives and concerns over shared natural resources and land use.

Reforms to IGRA are necessary to ensure the integrity of the tribal gaming industry and its future success. While IGRA presents a delicate balance between the rights and authorities of states, tribes and the federal government your amendment in general strengthens and provides a uniform federal approach to the acquisition of land for gaming purposes on after acquired lands. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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