

STOP THE CASINO 101 COALITION

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jon Kyl
United States Senate
730 Hart Senate Building
Washington DC 20510

re: "Tribal Gaming Eligibility Act"

Dear Senator Feinstein and Senator Kyl:

Stop the Casino 101 Coalition (STC101) is a non-partisan, secular grassroots organization created in 2003 to address the significant social and environmental consequences of an enormous tribal casino proposed for the City of Rohnert Park.

On behalf of the thousands of STC101 members and supporters, I would like to express this organization's support for your proposed amendment to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), the "Tribal Gaming Eligibility Act" (Act). This bill goes a long way to correcting some of the more egregious consequences that IGRA has inflicted on communities nationwide.

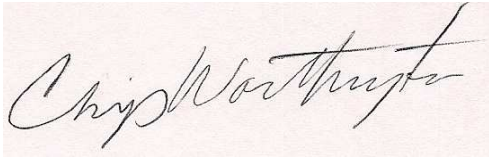
California has the most to lose should this amendment not pass. We have more tribes than any other state, and some of those tribes, like the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria here in Sonoma County, are determined to locate a "reservation" at a freeway exit in the nearest city or town, a cynical abuse of both IGRA and California's Proposition 1A (2000). With your bill, instead of trying to put out urban casinos fires wherever they flare up, communities will gain more control over land use and California's increasingly limited resources.

We do not feel the Act goes far enough to address the inconsistencies with the Enclaves Act and the authority of the Department of the Interior to take land into trust in a manner inconsistent with the Enclaves Act here in the Golden State, which is very much different from most other states due to California's unique history. However, the Tribal Gaming

Eligibility Act is certainly a big step in the right direction, and we are pleased that you are taking action.

Thank you both for all you do for our country. If you have any questions at all, my contact information is shown below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Chip Worthington" in a cursive script.

Reverend Chip Worthington
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