

# **Rohnert Park Families**

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The Honorable U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein  
Attention: Dan Wessel  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
Via Facsimile (202) 228-3954

RE: Support for SB 338 ~ Two Part Determinations

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I support your efforts to pass legislation that requires newly acquired lands for gaming to complete a two-part determination process. The Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria are attempting to build a casino on the border of Rohnert Park, California. If this law was applied to their project it would benefit local land and homeowners who fear the many unintended consequences associated with bringing a casino to town.

All applications in California should undergo this two-part determination. The Bureau of Indian Affairs must establish a coherent and consistent policy for newly acquired lands consistent with the Indian Reorganization Act and with Section 20 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

A thorough review of casinos in operation in California will show that large casino facilities have impacts beyond the jurisdiction in which they operate. Casinos attract thousands of car trips per day. Expanding these facilities without addressing their local and regional impacts affects state, county and local taxpayers and governments abilities to provide services.

Thank you for sponsoring legislation which will develop sound and well reasoned public policy on tribal gaming.

Sincerely,

Susan H. Adams  
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