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Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Don Young
Chairman
Subcommittee on Indian and
Alaska Native Affairs
1337 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC, 20515

The Honorable Dan Boren
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Indian and
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1329 Longworth House Office Building
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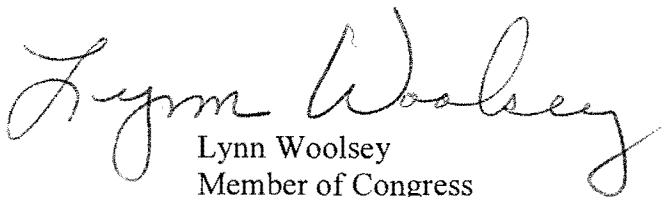
Dear Chairman Young and Ranking Member Boren,


Today, we respectfully request that the Subcommittee on the Indian and Alaska Native Affairs consider holding a field hearing in Sonoma County, California, to weigh the impacts of land trust decisions on communities and local governments. A hearing on the issue would be timely and helpful as the Subcommittee continues to examine legislative remedies and reforms regarding the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes.

A field hearing would follow the Subcommittee's hearing on July 12, 2011, where Susan Adams, Marin County Supervisor, testified on behalf of the National Association of Counties and the California State Association of Counties about the limited role that states and local government play in the current process. Please see the attached letter from the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors regarding this request.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact us, or Jasmine Dickerson on Congresswoman Woolsey's staff at 5-5161 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,


Lynn Woolsey
Member of Congress


Mike Thompson
Member of Congress