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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
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Support S. 338

Dear Senator Feinstein:

The High Desert Pastor's Fellowship Association supports your legislation S. 338. Citizens of California have long waited for federal action that establishes a sound policy on the expansion of gambling. S. 338 while limited to the Lytton Band in San Pablo is constructive in helping to establish a sound public policy on gaming that ends the proliferation of tribal gaming expansion without the approval of the federal, state, local governments and surrounding community of citizens.

High Desert Pastor's Fellowship Ministerial Association is an organization representing 100 churches with an attendance of 30,000 in this community of 300,000 citizens. We are writing on behalf of those who are very concerned about the off reservation casino proposal by Los Coyotes Band of Mission Indians from San Diego and the Chemehuevi Tribe from Lake Havasu, who currently operate a successful casino in San Bernardino County.

The *Los Coyotes Band of Mission Indians* is proceeding through a two part determination promoting a casino more than 150 miles from an established reservation. The *Chemehuevi Tribe* has a successful casino on public domain land in California and is a post 1934 Tribe. The recent *Carciari v. Salazar* ruling and the development of Department policy (Jan. 2008 Asst. Sec. Artman memo) raises numerous questions regarding these applications and the Secretary's authority to approve these applications.

Thank you for introducing S. 338. We hope you will consider expanding the two-part determination to all newly acquired lands in California. Moreover, we urge you to consider rational reforms by establishing objective criteria and standards in federal statute for all after acquired lands that prevent reservation shopping.

Sincerely,

David Penn
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