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Honorable Dianne Feinstein
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RE: SUPPORT S. 338

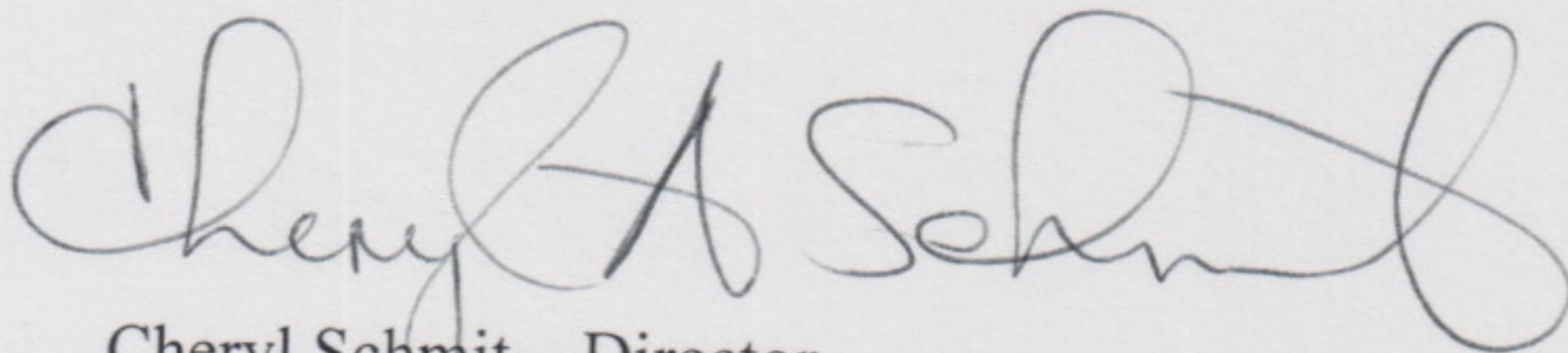
Dear Senator Feinstein:

Although on its face the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) is limited to gaming, it has affected tribal acknowledgement, tribal restorations, reaffirmations and **gaming related land acquisitions**. Congressman George Miller's amendment to the Indian Omnibus Bill of 2000 is an example of congressional intervention. The amendment permitted the Lytton Band's acquisition of a card club in the City of San Pablo, avoiding federal regulations for the transfer of fee-land to-trust, and circumventing the two-part determination for gaming on after-acquired lands provided in Section 20 of IGRA.

S. 338 promotes fairness to both the Lytton Band and the surrounding communities. It restores both community control and at the same time, the intent and spirit of IGRA to permit and require the Tribe to treat any expansion of the gaming facility or scope of gaming at the San Pablo location as after acquired-lands. This will require the concurrence of both the Secretary of the Interior and the Governor of California. The Governor's determination will be supported by evidence of responsible government actions representing the majority of County constituents and regional neighbors.

S. 338 demonstrates the intended policy of Congress for gaming on after-acquired lands. Please list *Stand Up For California!* in support of S. 338. Thank you Senator Feinstein.

Sincerely,



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