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U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein Attn: Dan Wessel 331 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Subject: SB 338 - Two-part determination, tribal gaming

Dear Senator Feinstein:

Thank you for your diligent work in producing legislation that requires newly acquired lands for gaming to process through a *two-part determination*. As you are aware from our previous correspondence with you, we thoroughly support this common-sense effort. We in California have become inundated with tribal casinos. Our state is polka-dotted with sovereign nations by virtue of off-reservation casinos. These establishments have become a burden to law enforcement and a hazard to the safety of non-tribal members who frequent them.

While this legislation is specific to the Lytton Band in your home area, given the money generated by tribal casinos under "normal" economic conditions, there is need for more oversight in the development of future gaming expansion nationwide. We encourage you in your support of this effort.

Very sincerely,