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U. S. Senator Dianne Feinstein  
ATTN: Dan Wessel  
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RE: SB 338 – Tribal Gaming/ Two-Part Determination

Dear Senator Feinstein:

Thank you for taking time to delve into complex tribal gaming issues. In our area near Wheatland, California, an out-of-state investor has befriended a small group of native Americans of questionable tribal lines with the intent of building an off-reservation casino. He has spent millions wooing government officials. While an damning advisory vote of the county has shown the citizens of this county do not wish to have a casino here, investor Alan Forsythe of Chicago has been trying to advance through the back door, so to speak, to bypass the local citizens entirely.

We strongly advocate your legislation requiring newly acquired lands for gaming purposes to process through the two-part determination for not only the Lytton Band but for all newly proposed casinos. If this is not part of the determination process a legal point might be made that California casino-shopping has, indeed, opened to all citizens.

On a personal note, I am a fan of yours through acquaintance. My husband is Ann Getty's brother but further back, my great aunt, Josephine Quail, was your father's secretary. She has been gone for years but we were quite close. One of her fondest remembrances was that of your father taking you to Blum's for ice cream, you with big bows in your hair. Aunt Jo, as we called her, was second in standing of her Stanford graduating class, but women were relegated to the lower ranks in those days, not expected to excel over men. You can imagine her delight when you were first elected to office. She adored your father.

I hope to meet you one day. If I can aid your legislation in any way, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Thank you,



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