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

Dear Senator Feinstein,

Re: Bill S. 338

We support any effort to eliminate the type of back-room dealing and special interest legislation that created Casino San Pablo in the first place. Congressman George Miller's 2000 amendment was perfectly legal and perfectly dishonest. It characterizes much of the history of Indian gaming in California.

We would like to see more legislation like this to close loopholes in the National Indian Gaming Regulatory Act; which was meant to prohibit, not encourage, casinos on land purchased after 1988.

We would like to see a renegotiation of all the 1999 governor Gray Davis compacts that forced so many unwanted casinos on California communities. These compacts were negotiated behind closed doors, collect no taxes and provide no enforceable provision to mitigate the damaging impacts to neighborhoods.

And lastly, we would like to see the whole abusive concept of tribal sovereignty done away with; so the average citizen doesn't have to pretend his neighbor is some noble family that is exempt from taxes and cannot be sued in civil court. Why should the average citizen be forced to appeal to some arrogant royal court like the BIA because state and local government is powerless? People know the history of native-Americans in this country; they also know Indian casinos have nothing to do with that history or those cultures.

Senator Feinstein, we support this bill and your efforts, but what is needed is real fundamental change and the political will by all California legislators to implement it.

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C: Congressman Mike Thompson