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Honorable Governor Gray Davis
State Capital Building
Sacramento, CA 95814
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RE: Tribe building an illegal facility on simple fee land.

Dear Governor Davis:

On behalf of the citizens of *Stand Up For California!* I am writing to inform you of a situation in **Madera County, California**. Attached is a recent letter to the Attorney General Janet Reno. This letter to Attorney General Janet Reno and the attached exhibits explain the situation; therefore I will not reiterate them here in this letter.

The frustrations of both the citizens and the tribes would be eliminated if only tribes would abide by Federal law, and federal authorities enforced federal law. **The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act requires a Compact be negotiated first with the State. *Stand Up* requests that the tribe abide by the federal procedures laid out in the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. Further, we suggest that this tribe be advised that a casino cannot be built on "Indian Country." A letter from you to this tribe, their investors and attorneys, reminding them of the proper procedures would be helpful. Prop. 5 has not been enacted and most likely will be found to be unconstitutional. (IGRA 2703)**

Tribes must understand that their long-term success depends on cooperative agreements with the citizens of the communities in which they reside. We all live here together, we all share equal citizenship in this state and this nation. It is essential to respect each other's rights; this is accomplished by abiding by "the rule of law". Your immediate attention in this matter is greatly needed, and appreciated. *Stand Up For California!* once again, awaits your reply.

Most Sincerely,

Cheryl Schmit
Co Director

Attachments: A file on Coarsegold. Letters to and from the tribe. Meeting minutes.
News articles. Additional information is available per your request.