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RE: Oppose –AB 277 – Vote on the Assembly Floor

Dear Speaker Perez,

Stand Up For California! writes regarding the informational hearing held on April 24, 2013, on AB 277. Informational hearings provide an opportunity for the public to be heard. However, at this hearing opponents were given only the opportunity to state their name and opposition to AB 277, without being provided the opportunity to briefly explain why. We respectfully request that before AB 277 is moved directly to the Assembly Floor, that you will consider a proper hearing, to provide Legislators and the public an open forum with a fair and transparent exchange of information vital to ensuring the integrity of the decision making process.

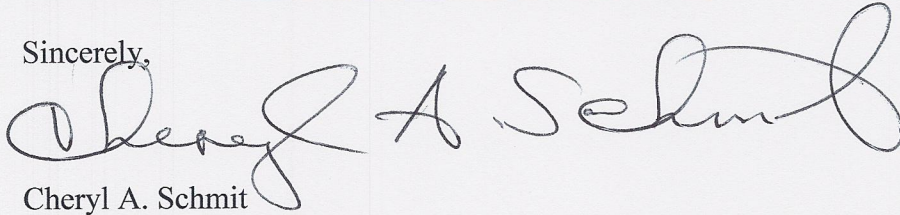
AB 277 is not ratification of a tribal state compact as usual but rather a unique issue of gambling expansion beyond that which the California electorate approved in Prop 1A. Ratification of the North Fork Compact significantly changes our states current tribal gaming policy and signals Indian tribes and their private investor partners to hand pick and build casinos at locations not within Indian lands, but in close proximity to our homes, businesses, churches, and schools, where no one else can.

In testimony at this hearing, Senior Advisor to Governor Brown, Jacob Appelsmith clearly stated not once, but twice; *“there is no formal process for concurrence”*. California’s governor’s executive authority is limited. Thus, *“gubernatorial concurrence”* requires the State Legislature to exercise their political powers to create standards, to authorize when the governor may or may not concur. Moreover, to enact an off reservation gaming policy that protects the welfare of the public consistent with established state gaming policy.

Honorable John A. Perez, Speaker Oppose AB 277

Stand Up For California! hopes that you will consider future committee hearings on AB 277 that provide a fair forum to citizens who are directly affected and at the very least an opportunity to briefly explain their opposition to AB 277. An extensive list of opponents can be found at www.StopTheNorthForkCompact.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheryl A. Schmit". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "C".

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