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RE: Bear Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria – Ruling by ABC Appeals Board

Dear Sirs and Madams:.

Across the street from our access driveway is the previous home of Jason Freeman. Our neighbor, Jason, spent many hours beautifying his yard with expert stonework. One stonework project is a fence along the front of the property. Jason sold his property to the Bear River Casino/Rancheria. The Bear River Band converted this property into the TISH-NON House. The TISH-NON House is a home for tribal members recovering from alcohol and drug abuse.

The purpose of this letter is to relate an incident that occurred in front of the TISH-NON House in the early morning hours of January 1, 2011. We felt that this incident needed to be brought to your attention. An employee of the Bear River Casino, Greg White, struck the above mentioned fence while driving under the influence of alcohol. Enclosed are photographs of the damage caused to the fence by Mr. White. The impact must have been significant in order to demolish this heavy stone fence.

Given the date of the accident, it was extremely fortunate that other cars were not involved. The traffic from the Bear River Casino on the evening of December 31, 2010 and the early morning of January 1, 2011 was heavier than usual due to the holiday. Moreover, it is very fortunate that there was no bodily injury other than what Mr. White experienced. This is one more example of the hazards that we as Singley Road neighbors experience living near the Bear River Casino. This is why ABC's decision, Condition #8, requested the Tribe to modify the entrance or create a separate entrance to the Casino that allows only public access from the South.

The Tribe has known since March 26, 2006, that it needed to comply with the conditions in the agreement to continue to serve and sell alcohol. Yet, it would appear the Tribe has continued to plan and build without regard to the conditions of that agreement.

Additionally, it appears that the Tribes' expanded development (*Initiated in 2009*) of the 100 room hotel, restaurant, sports bar, and RV Park will potentially require an expanded license from the ABC. Without doubt, this re-invites future comment from our community. Compliance with Condition #8 is necessary to resolve the life threatening events of car crashes, DUI's and the continual property damage to fencing and rural mail boxes.

Please take this incident into consideration when evaluating a plan to control traffic at the Casino intersection that provides a solution acceptable to all parties concerned.

Thank you in advance for your serious consideration.

Sincerely,



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