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Senator Dianne Feinstein  
One Post Street, Suite 2450  
San Francisco, CA 94104

Re: BIA – new lands into trust

Dear Senator Feinstein:

We would like to bring to your attention and ask your assistance to resolve an important aspect of tribal trust status especially with regard to new trust acquisitions by tribes through the BIA

With trust status a tribe gains legal non-accountability. The general public and private land owners, (both adjacent and further removed) lose the right of redress should an impacted situation arise.

Not only is this action not fair, it leaves all levels of government – local, state, and federal in the awkward position of removing their citizens access to redress. Obviously this will open each level of government to legal challenges.

Since we live next door to Cache Creek Casino in northern California, we are acutely aware of this and other problems. (See attached letter concerning new trust applications by Yocha Dehe.) Complete EA document on line at [http://www.yochadeheea.com/documents/final\\_ea/default.htm](http://www.yochadeheea.com/documents/final_ea/default.htm)

Addressing this lack of redress problem might afford an opportunity to establish more checks and balances in regard to tribal gaming.

We would like to speak with you or your representative regarding this issue.

Sincerely

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