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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

September 30, 2013

Amy Dutschke, Regional Director
Bureau of Indian Affairs – Pacific Regional Office
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Regional Director Dutschke:

I write in support of the County of Santa Barbara's request for a 60-day extension of the comment period on the a fee to trust application by the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians for the property known as "Camp 4."

This application has significant implications for my constituents in the Santa Ynez Valley and throughout the County, so it is important that sufficient time is given for the County and other local stakeholders to properly review, consider, and formulate responses to the application.

Furthermore, additional information is still needed regarding BIA's approval of the Tribal Land Consolidation and Acquisition Area (TCA) and its impacts. As you know, Senator Dianne Feinstein and I wrote a letter to BIA Director Michael Black on September, 20, 2013 requesting this information, which is crucial for stakeholders to fully understand and comment on the full application.

For these reasons, I ask that you grant an additional 60 days for public comment to allow all relevant information to be gathered and reviewed by the stakeholders. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lois Capps".

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Member of Congress

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