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April 26, 2013

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Retzlaff  
2230 Lake Park Dr, Spc 68  
San Jacinto, California 92583

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Retzlaff:

Thank you for writing to express your concerns about the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians' proposal to add land to their existing reservation. I appreciate hearing your thoughts and apologize for the delay in my response.

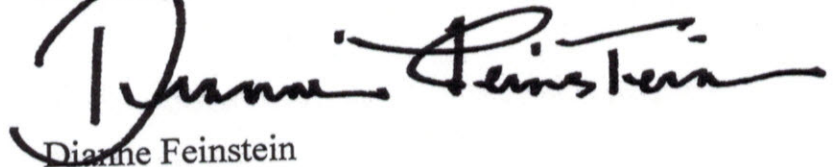
Please know that I am well aware of the impacts of fee-to-trust decisions on local governments and communities. As a former County Supervisor, I understand that these decisions can result in a loss of local revenue and development that is inconsistent with the city and county master plans, including the development of casinos. I also recognize that you are concerned that this proposal may limit local residents' access to emergency and public services and have other negative quality of life impacts. Currently, the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians' proposal is under review at the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Indian Gaming Management.

While I understand the need for tribes to be able to have land held in trust by the federal government, I am deeply concerned about the proliferation of off-reservation gaming and attempts to place casinos near urban areas in California. This is why, on March 6, 2013, I introduced the "Tribal Gaming Eligibility Act" (S. 477), which would end "reservation shopping" when casinos are involved. It is my hope that this issue will be addressed when the Senate considers any *Carciari* fix legislation. S. 477 is currently pending in the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

I appreciate your opposition to the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians' annexation proposal, and I will continue to monitor the situation closely and be sure to keep your comments in mind should related legislation come before me in the Senate.

Again, thank you for writing. If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 224-3841, or visit my website at <http://feinstein.senate.gov>. Best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dianne Feinstein". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "D".

Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator

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