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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0535

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Kevin K. Washburn
Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs
MS-4141-MIB
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Washburn:

Congratulations on your confirmation as Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, I look forward to your leadership in this new position. I respectfully write you to follow up on the processing of the Soboba Band Luisenos Indians Horseshoe Grande fee-to-trust request, which puts approximately 535 acres of land into trust commonly known as Horseshoe Grande.

The California 35th Congressional district that I represent is located only 40 miles from the proposed project site. I look at the expansion as an opportunity to spur jobs in my community and provide a valuable source for recreation and entertainment.

It is my understanding that the completed application with a recommendation for approval from the Pacific Region was received by your department earlier this month; I would appreciate any update you can provide at this time.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact me in my Capitol office at (202) 225-6161.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,



Gloria Negrete McLeod
Member of Congress CA-35