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Washington, DC 20515-0552

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

Dear Director Dutschke:

I am writing regarding the pending application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) by the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation (Tribe) in San Diego County to place approximately 1,357 acres of its property into trust by the federal government. I am aware that your office has completed the final environmental assessment report for this action and I was very pleased to learn that the Tribe revised its original application after engaging in discussions regarding the expressed concerns of its neighbors and community, including the County of San Diego.

As this process nears conclusion, it is my understanding that the Tribe remains in a dialogue with County officials regarding mitigation efforts associated with this federal action and I believe it is important that this situation be provided sufficient time to ensure the best outcome for all in our community. I am certain the BIA recognizes the added benefit of this mutual effort and I encourage your office to provide any support necessary to ensure it is completed to fruition.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly or have your staff contact Michael Harrison in my office at (619) 448-5201.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Duncan Hunter", written over a large, stylized blue scribble.

Duncan Hunter
Member of Congress

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