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The Honorable David Cox  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Rm 2068  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 1747

Dear Senator Cox,

I was too stunned yesterday by your comparison of AB 1747 to the taking of our tribal lands in the 19<sup>th</sup> century to respond immediately, but I must now set the record straight.

First, our land was taken without any compensation, let alone just compensation, as required by the eminent domain provisions of the United States Constitution and California law. More importantly, the purpose for taking our land was to facilitate the genocide of our people. The purpose of AB 1747 is to authorize the Tribe to join joint power authorities to carry out environmental, conservation, recreation, and related health and safety objectives. Whether or not you believe this is tied to an eminent domain proceeding, your analogy is nothing short of obscene.

Finally, for you and Senator McClintock to lecture me, a tribal official and descendent of the few survivors of the 19<sup>th</sup> century holocaust of our people, about the nature of sovereignty and what is in the Tribe's interest, is the height of arrogance and paternalism.

Very truly yours,

Paula Lorenzo, Chairwoman

cc: Assemblywoman Lois Wolk  
Senator Tom McClintock  
Senator Mike Machado  
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