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Mr. John Tahsuda, Deputy Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs
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Re: Statement of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
Coquille Indian Tribe Gaming – Related Fee to Trust/ Medford, Oregon

Dear Deputy Assistant Secretary Tahsuda and Director Hart:

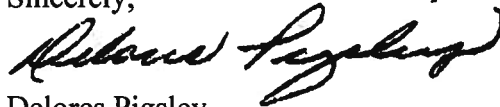
I am the Chairman of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (“Siletz Tribe”). The Siletz Tribe has been requested to provide its views on the gaming development proposed by the Coquille Indian Tribe in Medford, Oregon.

The Siletz Tribe is a confederation of tribes and bands of Indians from throughout western Oregon, including the Medford area, who were confederated together and moved to the Siletz Coast Reservation established by Executive Order in 1855. The Confederated Siletz Tribe includes tribes and bands with both ratified and unratified treaties. The Siletz Tribe includes, for example, the Takelma, Latgawa, Shasta, Applegate River (Dakubetede), and Rogue River Tribes of Indians, which were signatories to the 1853 and 1854 Rogue River Tribe ratified treaties and 1854 Shasta Treaty, who were also confederated with the Chasta, Scoton and Grave Creek Bands under their 1854 Treaty, initially on the Table Rock (temporary) Reservation in the Rogue Valley, and the removed to their permanent reservation at Siletz by May 1857. *See* Treaty with the Rogue River, Sept. 10, 1853, 10 Stat. 1018; Treaty with the Rogue River, Nov. 15, 1854, 10 Stat. 1119; Treaty with the Shasta, et al., Nov. 18, 1854, 10 Stat. 1122. The Siletz Tribe is the legal and political successor to these tribes, and the geographic area in and around Medford is the traditional ceded territory of the Siletz Tribe. These tribes were removed to the Siletz Coast Reservation as the permanent reservation specified in their ratified treaties.

The Siletz Tribe has always supported the right of any federally-recognized Indian tribe that establishes its right to engage in gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, including at a particular location. The Siletz Tribe supports the Coquille Indian Tribe's right to establish its eligibility to establish a gaming operation in Medford, Oregon.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the contents of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Delores Pigsley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Delores Pigsley
Tribal Chairman

Cc: Siletz Tribal Council
Coquille Indian Tribe