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Paula Hart, Director Office of Indian Gaming 1849 C Street, N.W. MS-3543-MIB Washington, DC 20240

## **Director Hart:**

Please accept this letter as my enthusiastic support for the Coquille Indian Tribe's gaming application in Medford, Oregon. I have served Southern Oregon as an Oregon State Representative for the past three years and have observed the Coquille Indian Tribe as they have worked diligently to improve the lives of the communities they serve.

The Coquille Tribe has shown a significant level of care for and investment in the people of Southern Oregon. They are excellent employers, community partners and stewards of the land. Their service to the region is an example to others on how to be a good neighbor.

The Coquille Restoration Act clearly authorizes the Secretary to take land into trust within the Tribe's five-county service area and does not restrict such lands from being used for gaming purposes. I urge you to take these lands into trust and approve the Coquille Tribe's gaming application. This application is supported by numerous local elected officials and community members.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Lily Morgan