

Paula Hart, Director  
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Director Hart,

Southern Oregon University greatly values our relationships with Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes. We seek to create partnerships that benefit the tribe, the community and our university community. The Coquille Indian Tribe is a strong partner of Southern Oregon University and supporter of our programs and we look forward to continued growth of our relationship.

The university is aware of the Coquille's application for a casino license in Medford, Oregon. While we do not take a position on this issue, we want to acknowledge and strongly affirm the sovereignty of tribal nations in Oregon as a whole. As such, Southern Oregon University fully supports these nations exercising their rights.

We hope this helps in your decision-making process on this issue.

Respectfully,

Rick



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