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## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

October 30, 2013

The Honorable Doug La Malfa  
United States House of Representatives, California District 1  
506 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman La Malfa,

On October 15, 2013, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors considered taking a position on the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians' (Tribe) actions to place 1,400 acres of property, commonly referred to as Camp 4, into Federal Trust. After receiving considerable public testimony in open session and following deliberation by all Board members, the decision was made to oppose the request by the Tribe to place Camp 4 into Federal Trust. As is the case with the administrative Fee To Trust application, House Resolution (HR) 3313 would have many undesirable results for the Santa Ynez Valley and Santa Barbara County.

The decision to oppose the Trust Request on Camp 4 was based on multiple significant local impacts. Most important are two critical consequences. First, the removal of the 1,400 acres of agricultural land would have a negative impact on tax revenues in perpetuity. As you know well, these tax revenues are essential to local government, including schools and public safety, for the delivery of public services to all county residents, including members of the Tribe. Secondly, opposition to the Camp 4 Trust Request was necessary to preserve the integrity of local land use planning and decision making. Approval of Fee To Trust for Camp 4 would permanently exempt the property from land use and zoning requirements determined by the local community.

We ask you to reconsider your sponsorship of HR 3133 and join with local community leaders and residents in opposing the Chumash's request to remove Camp 4 from the county tax roll and land use regulations through the Fee To Trust process. The County of Santa Barbara is committed to continuing to meet with the Tribe in regards to developing Camp 4 to meet the housing needs of the Tribe's members through the process available to all property owners in Santa Barbara County.

Sincerely,

Salud Carbajal, Chair  
Board of Supervisors  
Santa Barbara County

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