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RE: Carcieri v Salazar

Dear _____ :

I'm a member of the Salinan Tribe of San Luis Obispo & Monterey Counties, a State Recognized Indian Tribe. We are in the process of seeking formal federal recognition from the Department of Interior and have been working on our petition for over twenty (20) years.

Our journey has been very difficult but rewarding to say the least: dealing with all the regulations we must follow, obtaining the legal documentation necessary to meet OFA (Office Of Federal Acknowledgement) requirements, and dealing with the task of raising needed capital to pay for the legal processes.

This process is difficult enough without having to fight yet another battle our government has put in front of us. We now have to sit back and wait until the BIA figures out a way to deal with "Carcieri v Salazar" & the 1934 IRA (Indian Regulatory Act), or chooses to do nothing. In the meantime, we have lost our investor because they feel the federal government will choose to do nothing.

This case has to do with the government's ability to take land into trust after 1934 for a verifiable indigenous native american tribe. Well, we do fall into that very quandary; we have completed all of our research, and we can prove all the necessary criteria to become a federally recognized Indian tribe.

Our ancestors and their rightful lineages are no different now than they were before 1934. We feel like this is just another major injustice in a long line of injustices to our people.

We're asking for your immediate support and assistance with this matter, as we feel very strongly about our ancestors and the price they paid to afford us the ability to right a wrong that has gone on entirely too long.

Sincerely,

Name

Salinan Tribal Member