

November 12, 2013

The Honorable Doc Hastings
Natural Resources Committee Chair
United States House of Representatives
1203 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Hastings:

I am writing in support of H.R. 3313, the bill that would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to take approximately 1,400 acres into federal trust and allow the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians to address the housing needs of its members.

Since the tribe purchased the Camp 4 property, one of the most consistent objections I have heard is the concern about loss of property taxes. However, Santa Barbara County would actually experience a minimal decrease in the amount of assessable taxes in the county by placing the Camp 4 property into federal trust.

The total collectable taxes on the Camp 4 property for 2012-2013 was \$83,255.20, which represents far less than 1% of the total that the county expects to generate from property taxes. Therefore, the percentage of tax revenue that will be lost by transferring the land into trust would be insignificant in comparison to the total amount of revenue enjoyed by the county. Furthermore, the tribe hopes to address the issue with a Camp 4 Cooperative Agreement for Santa Barbara County.

I hope I can count on you to support this important legislation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Name:

Address:

cc: Congressman Doug La Malfa, 1st Congressional District of California
Congressman Anthony Cardenas, 29th Congressional District of California
Congresswoman Lois Capps, 24th Congressional District of California
Senator Barbara Boxer
Senator Dianne Feinstein