

#### North Carolina General Assembly

House of Representatives State Legislative Building Raleigh 27601-1096

September 4, 2013

The Honorable Sally Jewell Secretary U.S. Department of the Interior 1849 C Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Jewell:

As members of the North Carolina House of Representatives, we write to express our serious opposition to any attempt by a federally recognized tribe from outside the State of North Carolina to have lands taken into trust by the Department of the Interior and have those lands deemed eligible for class II or class III Indian gambling.

Gambling is a matter the federal government leaves within the purview of the states. Within the State of North Carolina, we have carefully balanced the interests of our State citizens and the rights of tribes.

We respectfully request that we be notified of any applications for land to be taken into trust by any federally recognized tribe not based in North Carolina so we can participate in that process and make our views clear.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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