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RE: Federal Acknowledgement Petition for Mono Lake Kutzadika'a Tribe

Representative Cook and Chief of Staff John Sobel,

On behalf of Friends of the Inyo, I write this letter in support of the Mono Lake Kutzadika'a Tribe's petition for federal acknowledgement. Friends of the Inyo is a 501c3 non-profit organization founded in 1986 to protect and care for the lands of the Eastern Sierra.

The Mono Lake Indian Community has traditionally and historically been, and continues to be, recognized as a political and tribal community by Friends of the Inyo. The Mono Lake Indian community can be found in the literature regarding this area as far back as 1850. Some members of the Mono Lake Indian Community received allotments from the federal government.

The Mono Lake Kutzadika'a Tribe was seated on the Toyiabe Indian Health Project Board for more than 15 years. This tribe is also recognized by local federal agencies such as the National Park Service and United States Forest Service as a political entity to be consulted with on major federal undertakings affecting their indigenous lands.

Friends of the Inyo supports the Mono Lake Kutzadika'a community's petition for federal acknowledgement. The Mono Lake Indian Community is a vital and integral part of the cultural and tribal history of the Mono Lake basin area.

Thank you for taking the time to consider Friends of the Inyo's support of this petition.

Sincerely,

Wendy Schneider, Executive Director
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