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Mr. Dale Morris, Regional Director
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2800 Cottage Way
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RE: Enterprise Rancheria bid to take land in trust in Yuba County

Dear Mr. Morris:

Citizens for a Better Way is, by this letter, voicing an expression of outrage over the tactics used to try to obtain off-reservation land into trust for a casino in Yuba County. We have experienced the worse of attempts to circumvent existing laws and policy put in place to safeguard the United States from such aggressions and I do hope that your agency will take note and act swiftly and accordingly.

In our County of Yuba, a promoter from Chicago, Mr. Gerald Forsythe, negotiated with the county to establish a NASCAR racetrack. The citizens of this county voted to establish a location for the racetrack on January 27, 1998. The racetrack was never built.

Mr. Forsythe and Enterprise Rancheria (we're not certain if the "Rancheria" is #1 or #2 or a combination of both, or if their group might not qualify as a gaming candidate) somehow found one another and came before the Yuba County Supervisors with a new deal to establish a casino at the location voted upon by the citizens for a racetrack.

On December 17, 2002, Mr. Forsythe and Enterprise were able to convince the Yuba County Board of Supervisors to enter into a MOU with Enterprise/Forsythe to promote a casino. An uproar from the community against a casino at that Supervisors meeting was not enough to sway the decision. It appears the supervisors were under the opinion that the casino was going to be built and that the county had better get on board with a MOU to protect themselves from the assault. They apparently were told that if they did not enter into a MOU they would be out of luck regarding extra services needed for a casino. In return, the county supervisors agreed in the MOU to promote the casino bid. You must realize staff, especially counsel, is limited in our county. When it comes to tribal law, our county had absolutely no background and relied upon Mr. Forsythe and Enterprise to provide counsel in good faith. Upon examination, the MOU is very poorly written, There is considerable doubt now that the aging MOU will serve the County well and also that perhaps it is fraudulent.

