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# Congress of the United States
## House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515–0705

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The Honorable Sally Jewell, Secretary
United States Department of Interior
1849 C Street, NW
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Dear Secretary Jewell:

We write in support of the requests for an extension of time to provide comments on the Preliminary Discussion Draft of amendments to Part 83 of Chapter 1 of Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations entitled "Procedures for Establishing That an American Indian Group Exists as an Indian Tribe" ("Discussion Draft").

We are aware requests for extension of time have been filed by the Connecticut towns of Kent, North Stonington, Ledyard and Preston and the Kent School. These communities and school, as well as other organizations and the state of Connecticut -- may face significant consequences if the Discussion Draft were enacted into final regulation.

Therefore, we support the requests for an extension of time and urge you to provide at least forty-five additional days for comments to the Discussion Draft. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Richard Blumenthal
United States Senator

Christopher Murphy
United States Senator

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United States Congressman

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