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Cherokee Indians of Red Banks, Robeson & Adjoining Counties
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To whom this may concern:

We the Cherokee Indians of Red Banks, Robeson & Adjoining Counties, feel that the draft proposal is a great idea for the tribes and bands of Indians that are not yet recognized. It will cover the same basic criteria but only in a simpler way and our organization has sent all the criteria in that is required. We were number 166 but we are now currently number 44. We realize that it is a slow process but with this proposed draft it will be a lot easier. My parents and grandparents were recognized under the 1934 Indian Reorganization Act but in today's time our organization had to re-file criteria. I feel that my generation should still fall under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, better known today as the Wheeler Howard Act and listed as Siouan Indians. My parents and grandparents were set up on a reservation known as the Red Banks under a 99-year lease, in which this land I was born on, and have a stock in but the Lumbee Indians of Pembroke N.C have stolen it from under us. We have asked the state of North Carolina Indian Commission to help us but they refused. In all laws enacted by the General Assembly of North Carolina relating to said Indians subsequent to the enactment of Chapter 51 and 71A-1 of the laws of 1885 state that we are Cherokee Indians of Robeson County. We are an organization chartered by the state of North Carolina. My native people want to go back to their traditional lands, and what is rightfully theirs. We are the true people of this native land.

Sincerely,

Cherokee Indians of Red Banks, Robeson & Adjoining Counties

Fermon Locklear, Chief
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