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Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action

Dear Liz Appel,

I am writing to you in regards to Assistant Secretary Washburn's "Consideration of Revisions to Federal Acknowledgment Regulations. Please record my corrections into your permanent files. Regarding the preliminary discussion draft comments due August 16, 2013

83.1, page 1, Under definitions, sub heading Community, add the word "gatherings" to history, geography culture and social organization of the group.

83.1, page 2, Under definitions, sub heading Indian tribe, Do not delete the word INDIGENOUS.

83.3 (g), (1), page 4, Delete entire sentence that causes groups to proceed only under new revised regulations.

83.7 (b), (1), (ii), page 8 ", Including gatherings" added to the sentence, Significant social relationships connecting individual members.

83.7 (b), (2), (i), page 8, Should read, XX percent of the members reside in a 100 mile radius, and the balance maintain consistent interaction with some members of the community.

83.10 (b), (1), page 13, Preliminary (technical assistance) review should not be in order of the O.F.A.'s receipt of the documented petition if a group has already submitted a letter of intent. The group that is not on active consideration by the O.F.A., but has submitted a letter of intent previously, should be considered before any new documented petitions are reviewed.

Respectfully Yours,

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