OPPOSITION TO
PETITION 005

NOT IN INTEREST
OF PIRO MANSO
TIWA TRIBE
From: Members of the Piro Manso Tiwa Indian Tribe in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

To: Department Of The Interior
    Office Of The Assistant Secretary Of Indian Affairs
    Attn: Office Of Federal Acknowledgement
    1951 Constitution Avenue N.W.
    Washington D.C. 20240

Re: Brief In Opposition of Petition 005

We, the undersigned tribal members of The Piro-Manso-Tiwa Tribe of the Las Cruces Guadalupe Pueblo, respectfully submit this Brief In Opposition to the Tribe seeking federal recognition #005. This petition is not inclusive of all three Piro-Manso-Tiwa tribes of this region. It does not satisfy the burden of proof of inclusion, nor provides a process of uniting us. It delegitimizes the other two tribes of Piro-Manso-Tiwas. It would only serve to divide us more, instead of bringing us together, by creating animosity.

For the foregoing reasons, this Petition For Recognition should be denied. We pray you consider our request.

Respectfully Submitted,
Continuation Of Opposition of Federal Recognition For Petition #005 PMT

DATE OF SIGNATURES: March 15, 2016
From: Residents of Las Cruces, New Mexico

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Re: Opposition of Petition 005

We respectfully submit this letter of opposition to the Tribe seeking federal recognition Petition #005. We have learned so much from the Piro-Manso-Tiwa Tribe of the Las Cruces Guadalupe Pueblo. They have had workshops in various museums here and in Socorro, New Mexico. They have danced and presented in Albuquerque, NM and in El Paso, Texas. They have also presented at the Brannigan Public Library and Cultural Center. In addition, they dance at their annual feast day, Dec. 12th held at St. Genevieve’s Church in Las Cruces. They were invited and participated in the 400th Yr. Anniversary of the San Miguel Mission Church in Socorro, NM (Seat of the Tribe). Although we do not wish to get involved in any tribal details, we support this tribe, as they are teaching their members the culture of their ancestors through the history, language, and the weaving traditions of their pueblo. They also have taught their members how to make leather moccasins.

We pray you consider our request.

Respectfully,

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