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Department of the Interior  
Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs  
Attention: Office of Federal Acknowledgment  
Mail Stop 4071 MIB  
1849 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20240

Subject: Butte Tribe of Bayou Bourbeaux petition #402

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to support Petition #402 for Butte Tribe of Bayou Bourbeaux as the tribe endeavors to achieve federal recognition.

As the Louisiana State Representative for District 19, I proudly represent the chapter of Butte Tribe of Bayou Bourbeaux located in West Carroll Parish. A large clan of rooted Natchitoches families migrated by wagon to my district at the turn of the 20th century. These families transitioned as a unit to a rural community outside of Oak Grove, Louisiana. Land grabbers, poverty, and a better way of life forced the family leaders to make the move. Today, the third and fourth generations of their descendants remain within the district as active and productive members of the community.

Please feel free to contact me if you need more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Francis Thompson", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Francis Thompson  
Louisiana State Representative

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