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Department of the Interior  
Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs  
Attn: Office of Federal Acknowledgment  
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Washington, DC 20240

To Whom It May Concern:

I write this letter in support of the Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians' petition for federal acknowledgment. As a resident of Los Angeles County and Program Manager at Community Nature Connection, I am grateful for the Tataviam people's stewardship of the land I now live and work on. I also work with the Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians Education & Cultural Learning Department in providing outdoor programming to tribal youth through the Terngava Naturalists program. I have seen for myself the connection that the Tataviam have to the land and the many ways they give back to their community and the broader Los Angeles community.

The Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians is recognized by the State of California as a sovereign Indian nation of 900 citizens but has not received the federal recognition that provides critical access to much-needed government funding to support their community. Federal acknowledgement is long overdue and is a necessary next step of repairing the wrongs of the past.

Sincerely,

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