



# United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
Washington, DC 20240

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Brian Buchanan  
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Dear Mr. Buchanan:

Pursuant to 25 CFR § 83.51(a), the Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) acknowledges receipt of the Miami Nation of Indians of the State of Indiana, Inc.'s request for authorization to re-petition for Federal acknowledgment under Subpart D of 25 CFR Part 83. The Department received this documented request on **July 1, 2025**, and it has been assigned Re-Petition Request Number **R001**.

In accordance with § 83.51(b), the OFA will publish notice of receipt of this re-petition request in the *Federal Register* and make related materials available on the OFA website. As required by § 83.51(b)(2), OFA is also notifying certain third parties, including those that expressed interest during the evaluation of the original petition.

The next step in this process, as outlined in § 83.52, is a 120-day comment period. If OFA receives timely comments and evidence challenging the re-petition request, the petitioner will have 60 days to submit a written response. OFA will then notify you when AS-IA begins review of the request. The AS-IA's review will determine whether the petitioner satisfies the conditions for re-petitioning set forth in §§ 83.47–.49.

If you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact the Office of Federal Acknowledgment at 1849 C Street NW, Mail Stop 4071 MIB, Washington, DC 20240; via email at [Ofa\\_Info@bia.gov](mailto:Ofa_Info@bia.gov); or by phone at (202) 513-7650.

Sincerely,

Nikki Bass  
Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment

Cc: Arlinda Locklear