

# United States Senate

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The Honorable James Inhofe  
Chair  
U.S. Senate Committee on  
Armed Services

The Honorable Adam Smith  
Chair  
U.S. House Committee on  
Armed Services

The Honorable Jack Reed  
Ranking Member  
U.S. Senate Committee on  
Armed Services

The Honorable Mac Thornberry  
Ranking Member  
U.S. House Committee on  
Armed Services

Dear Chair Inhofe, Ranking Member Reed, Chair Smith, and Ranking Member Thornberry:

As the Conference Committee for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 National Defense Authorization Act nears its conclusion, we write to reiterate our support for Sections 2876 and 1099D of the House-passed bill, and ask that you include the text of these sections in the final conference report. As you will recall, these provisions take land into trust for the Chumash and Lytton Tribes in our state.

It has come to our attention that the presence of Sections 2876 and 1099D, as well as Section 6020 of the Senate-passed bill, has opened the door to negotiations to add other non-controversial tribal bills to the NDAA. While we support the prerogative of the Chairmen and Ranking Members of the committees of jurisdiction, we hope that such negotiations will not jeopardize those provisions that were included by the full House and Senate. As such, we ask for your assistance in ensuring that these important, consensus items remain in the final conference report regardless of the outcome of negotiations on other tribal bills.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



Kamala D. Harris  
U.S. Senator



Dianne Feinstein  
U.S. Senator