

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-1604

January 7, 2011

The Honorable Ken Salazar  
Secretary of the Interior  
U. S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street N. W.  
Washington D. C. 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar,

The Wyandotte Nation of Oklahoma has asked the Secretary of Interior to put into trust certain land in Park City, Kansas with the express intent of building a casino. I urge you to deny this application based on opposition by local residents and the tribe's lack of any historical connection to the land.

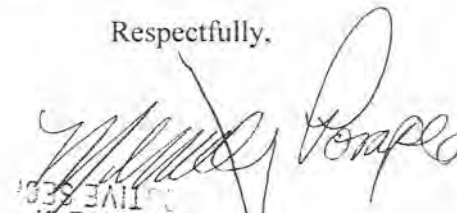
The people of Sedgwick County do not want a casino in their community. Just a few years ago, Sedgwick County voters rejected a new casino via referendum. They are concerned about negative societal and financial effects from of expanded gaming in the region. Granting the Wyandotte Nation's request would contradict the express wishes of the community.

The Wyandotte Nation has no historical connection to the land in Kansas where they want to locate the casino. In fact, the Wyandotte Nation's reservation is in Ottawa County, Oklahoma, which is more than 240 miles from the proposed site in Park City.

As the tribe's application moves through the process, please keep my office updated and provide me with an expected schedule for its determination.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. For questions, feel free to contact me or Mr. Jim Richardson at 202-225-6216. I look forward to your response.

Respectfully,

  
Mike Pompeo  
Member of Congress

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# United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
Washington, DC 20240

**FEB 25 2011**

The Honorable Mike Pompeo  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Pompeo:

Thank you for your letter to Secretary Salazar dated January 7, 2011, regarding the Wyandotte Nation of Oklahoma's application to have the Department of the Interior (Department) acquire land in trust in Park City, Kansas, for gaming purposes.

The Department is conducting a deliberate review of all relevant criteria, factual information, and legal requirements relating to that application. The Department cannot make a decision on this application until it has completed this review. At present, we have no established timeframe in which this review must be completed.

Thank you for your interest in this very important issue, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Larry Echo Hawk  
Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

# United States Senate

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March 8, 2011

The Honorable Ken Salazar  
Secretary of the Interior  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C St., NW  
Washington, D.C. 20240

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

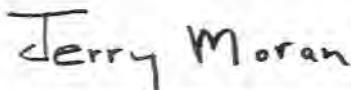
We write to express our opposition to the Wyandotte Nation of Oklahoma's pending proposal to place land into trust in Park City, Kansas.

The Wyandotte Nation of Oklahoma is attempting to use funds for a land claim settlement that has already been satisfied. In 1984, Congress made \$100,000 available to the Tribe to purchase land that the secretary must take into trust for the benefit of the Tribe. These funds were expended in 1995 when the Tribe acquired the Shriner Tract in Wyandotte County, Kansas for \$180,000. To take additional land into trust would defy the intent of Congress and would set a dangerous precedent for the Secretary to do so in perpetuity for the Wyandotte Nation.

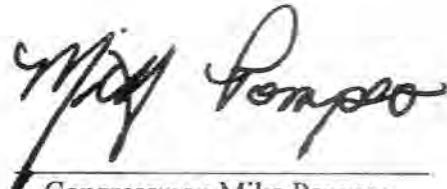
Also, granting the Wyandotte Nation's request would contradict the express wishes of the people of Sedgwick County who voted against a new casino in a ballot referendum in 2007.

As the Department conducts its investigation of this matter, please keep our offices updated with the status of the investigation. Additionally, we would appreciate a briefing from the Department prior to its determination.

Sincerely,



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Senator Jerry Moran



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Congressman Mike Pompeo



# United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
Washington, DC 20240

**APR 18 2011**

The Honorable Mike Pompeo  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Pompeo:

Thank you for your letter to Secretary Salazar dated March 8, 2011, regarding the Wyandotte Nation of Oklahoma's application to have the Department of the Interior (Department) acquire land in trust in Park City, Kansas, for gaming purposes.

The Department is still in the process of conducting a review of all relevant criteria, factual information, and legal requirements relating to the Wyandotte Nation's application. The Department cannot make a decision on this application until it has completed this review. Presently, we have no established timeframe in which this review must be completed. I assure you that the final decision to take land into trust will be made only after an exhaustive and deliberative review of all relevant criteria, factual information, and legal requirements.

Thank you for your interest in this very important issue and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. A similar letter is being sent to Senator Jerry Moran.

Sincerely,

Larry Echo Hawk  
Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs



# United States Department of the Interior

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Washington, DC 20240

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The Honorable Jerry Moran  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Sincerely,

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Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

July 11, 2011

The Honorable Ken Salazar  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar:

We are writing to strongly encourage you to work expeditiously to finalize the environmental review process for Lease Sale 193 and allow for oil and natural gas development in the Chukchi Sea.

Let us begin by saying, we applaud the efforts of operators in the Chukchi Sea who have taken steps to further bolster their blowout prevention and spill response capabilities in the unlikely event of a future incident. While we understand the Obama Administration's desire to ensure appropriate changes to offshore processes and regulations are made so we are better prepared to address any future oil spill, Lease Sale 193 has undergone a thorough, exhaustive, and conclusive environmental review. The Revised Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement associated with this lease sale rightfully concludes that a very large oil spill in Alaska's Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) is highly improbable. Even further, the proposed drilling in the Chukchi Sea would occur in water depths synonymous with the Gulf of Mexico's offshore shallow water drilling operations, an area off our coastline that has a proven safety record.

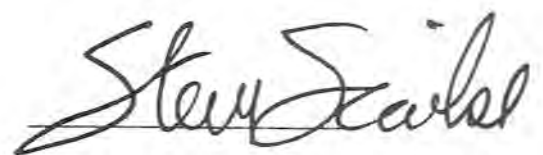
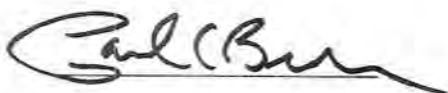
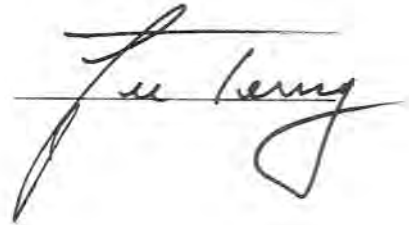
We all must remain mindful of the fact that offshore energy exploration and development off Alaska's coasts will provide American-made energy and jobs, as well as community stability to ensure future economic growth in our great nation. In fact, a 2011 study by Northern Economics found that the development of Alaska's vast offshore resources could generate an annual average of 54,700 jobs nationwide, with an estimated cumulative payroll amounting to \$145 billion over the next 50 years.

Coastal states, like Alaska, have long been a cooperative partner of the federal government regarding oil and gas resources for the nation's energy use. At a time in which America is experiencing a national unemployment rate of 9.1 percent, high gas prices, a faltering economic recovery, and civil unrest in foreign energy-producing countries, the Obama Administration should join Alaska and other energy producing coastal states who wish to have more power over their coastlines. States that support offshore activities off their coastline, like Lease Sale 193, should be given the right to

contribute energy to meet America's needs, while allowing them a share of the oil and gas revenues.

With your help and leadership in Alaska, we can keep America safe, secure, and prosperous today and for future generations. We appreciate your consideration of our views and look forward to working with you to responsibly increase the nation's supply of safe, affordable, and reliable energy.

Sincerely,



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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON

SEP 15 2011

The Honorable Don Young  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Young:

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I share your concerns regarding the Nation's energy needs. The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) has worked expeditiously to complete the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for Chukchi Sea Planning Area Oil and Gas Lease Sale 193 in the Chukchi Sea, Alaska. The Final SEIS addresses a remand by the U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska (District Court). On May 19, 2011, the District Court ordered that the process be concluded and the Record of Decision (ROD) be filed by October 3, 2011.

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Sincerely,

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SEP 15 2011

The Honorable Glenn Thompson  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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SEP 15 2011

The Honorable Dan Boren  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Boren:

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**SEP 15 2011**

The Honorable Corey Gardner  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Gardner:

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The Honorable Lee Terry  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Jim Costa  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Costa:

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SEP 15 2011

The Honorable Steve Scalise  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Pete Olson  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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SEP 15 2011

The Honorable Trent Franks  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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SEP 15 2011

The Honorable K. Michael Conaway  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Jeff Landry  
House of Representatives  
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House of Representatives  
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Dear Representative Lummis:

Thank you for your letter dated July 11, 2011, cosigned by your colleagues, regarding Chukchi Sea Lease Sale 193. A similar response will be sent to each signer of your letter.

I share your concerns regarding the Nation's energy needs. The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) has worked expeditiously to complete the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for Chukchi Sea Planning Area Oil and Gas Lease Sale 193 in the Chukchi Sea, Alaska. The Final SEIS addresses a remand by the U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska (District Court). On May 19, 2011, the District Court ordered that the process be concluded and the Record of Decision (ROD) be filed by October 3, 2011.

The BOEMRE released the Final SEIS to the public on August 18, 2011, and a notice of availability was published in the *Federal Register* on August 26, 2011. Comments are due to the Agency on or before September 26, 2011, the close of the 30-day comment period, to be considered in making its decision.

I want to assure you that BOEMRE intends to address the District Court's remand fully and completely to ensure that the ROD will satisfy the legal requirements under the environmental framework that Congress has mandated.

Thank you for your interest in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Ken Salazar



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-1604

August 18, 2011

The Honorable Ken Salazar  
Secretary of the Interior  
U. S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street N. W.  
Washington D. C. 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar,

The Wyandotte Nation of Oklahoma has filed an application for the Secretary of Interior to place certain land in Park City, Kansas into trust for the express purpose of building and operating a casino. On January 7, 2011, I sent you a letter, urging you to deny this application. On July 26, 2011, the tribe filed a complaint in Washington, DC federal court, charging the secretary with failure to take the land into trust. I am again urging you to deny the application and oppose the mandamus action, based on the legal analysis presented in the November 15, 2010 letter from Kansas Attorney General Six to you and the March 3, 2011 letter from Kansas Attorney General Schmidt to you.

The analysis shows clearly that the tribe purchased the Park City land with interest and earnings from the PL 98-602 set aside funds, not the \$100,000 set aside funds provided by PL 98-602. Court records indicate the tribe agrees with the following facts:

*"... the tribe initially used the PL \$100,000 set aside funds to invest in mortgage obligation bonds. ... These bonds were segregated and housed in an investment account. ... The investment account held the bonds and also had a money market/cash component. ... In November, 1991, the Tribe withdrew \$25,991.67 from the cash portion of the account which it claims it used to purchase the Park City land. ...*

*"As such, none of the principal \$100,000 set aside funds from PL 602 were used to purchase the Park City land." (page 8 of legal analysis)*

Since the Park City land was not purchased with PL 98-602 set aside funds, the section in the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) under which the application was filed [(25 USC 2719(b)(1)(B)(i)] does not apply to the Park City land. Therefore, the application is invalid.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me or Mr. Jim Richardson of my Washington, DC office at (202) 225-6216 if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,



Mike Pompeo  
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable Sam Brownback  
Governor  
State of Kansas

The Honorable Derek Schmidt  
Attorney General  
State of Kansas

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# United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
Washington, DC 20240

**SEP 29 2011**

The Honorable Mike Pompeo  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Pompeo:

Thank you for your letter to Secretary Ken Salazar dated August 18, 2011, requesting denial of the Wyandotte Nation of Oklahoma application to have the Department of the Interior (Department) acquire land in trust in Park City, Kansas, for gaming purposes.

The Department is presently involved in litigation on this application and cannot comment at this time.

I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you for your interest in this important matter.

Sincerely,

*fan* Larry Echo Hawk  
Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

July 27, 2016

The Honorable Sally Jewell  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20240

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Dear Secretary Jewell:

Earlier this year, Speaker Paul Ryan assembled several committee Chairmen in the U.S. House of Representatives to establish a Task Force aimed at reducing regulatory burdens to grow our economy. Of the principles outlined, we found that it is absolutely critical for the federal government to regulate smarter while also delivering affordable and reliable energy to American families and businesses. The findings of the Task Force's recently released white paper took months to assemble, and incorporated ideas from many Members of Congress, individuals, small business owners, and recognized regulatory experts.

We call your attention to the important findings of this white paper because the Department of the Interior has been a major offender of these principles – promulgating thousands of duplicative and burdensome rulemakings that do little to offer measurable impacts on the safety, security or economic well-being of our nation's citizens. Rather, many of the Department's regulations penalize and discourage entrepreneurship, overstep state jurisdiction, and drive up costs for developing energy resources on federal lands. The net effect of these burdensome rules is to make energy development on federal lands cost prohibitive and ultimately to penalize the citizens and economies of many states whose lands remain largely in federal control. A recent example of this is the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) proposed Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resources Conservation Rule (81 Fed. Reg. 6616) to further regulate methane emissions.

The BLM lacks Clean Air Act jurisdiction – a law that clearly charges the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in partnership with states, to regulate emissions. Moreover, according to the EPA's own data, U.S. emissions from natural gas systems are lower than they were in 2005 – despite our nation's vast increase in natural gas development over the same period. Similarly, a recent study conducted in part with scientists from the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) found that global methane increases since 2006 are likely from biogenic sources, rather than thermogenic emissions such as those associated with natural resource production - contradicting emissions inventories.<sup>1</sup>

We are concerned that the BLM has rushed forward to finalize new methane emissions measures as a solution in search of a problem. Unfortunately, these regulations fail to address BLM's ongoing permitting delays for natural gas gathering line rights-of-way. The best method to capture methane emissions from a well site is through the construction of natural gas gathering lines and pipelines. According to the BLM manual, BLM aims for a 60-day review of pending right-of-way permits so companies can construct pipelines. Yet, in data submitted by the BLM itself to the House Natural Resources Committee, not a single field office has been able to meet this target. In many cases, BLM is taking over six months to process a permit. This is unacceptable.

This rule adds another layer of duplicative federal regulation on top of already existing federal and state regulations. The rule oversteps BLM's regulatory jurisdiction, and completely fails to address crucial failures by the BLM to capture methane emissions through common sense methods such as timely right-of-way permitting. For these reasons, we urge the agency to withdraw this misguided effort.

The development of oil and natural gas on federal lands remains a critical component of our nation's renewed status as a global energy leader. Energy development is a generator of jobs and revenue that impact federal, state and local budgets. Most importantly, domestic energy production has helped to lower energy prices for American families, manufacturers, and businesses, which in turn have helped to further stabilize our economy. Rather than put all of these benefits in jeopardy, the BLM should continue to work collaboratively to drive more innovative technologies that build upon existing methane emissions decreases, while also promulgating common sense reforms to address the ongoing delays that plague the current right-of-way permitting process.

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<sup>1</sup> H. Schaefer et al., *Science* 10.1126/science.aad2705 (2016).

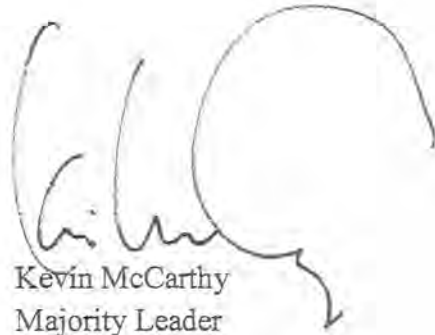
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We appreciate your consideration of a better way to regulate responsible oil and natural gas exploration and production on federal lands and greatly look forward to your prompt reply to this letter that includes in detail what measures the Department is taking to address these right-of-way permitting backlogs.

Sincerely,



Rob Bishop  
Chairman  
House Natural Resources Committee



Kevin McCarthy  
Majority Leader

Cc: The Hon. Raul Grijalva, Ranking Member, Committee on Natural Resources

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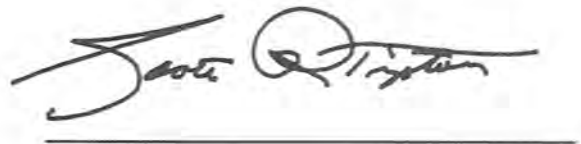
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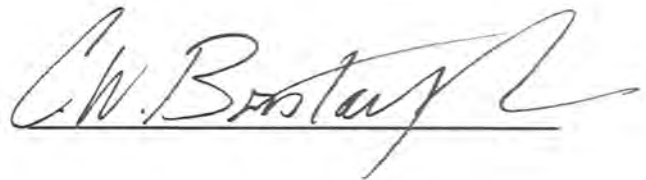
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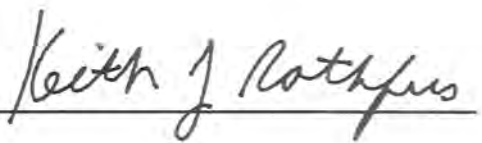
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