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August 9, 2010

The Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr.  
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Dear Attorney General Holder:

I write to seek your Department's position on a matter of importance to constituents of the 45<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of California, which I have the honor of representing in Congress.

In 2008, I wrote to then Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey about certain individuals living along the western portion of the Colorado River in Riverside County, California to ascertain a legal determination for the western boundary of the Colorado River Indian Tribe (CRIT) reservation (see attachment A). The United States Department of Justice (USDOJ) Office of Legislative Affairs responded with such a determination on June 16, 2008 (see attachment B).

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With this background in mind, it is my hope that you will directly address this issue in a written statement. I am also providing a copy of this inquiry to the Department of Interior, given their extensive history regarding this matter, but, do request a direct response from your Department.

Should you have any further questions or require further information on the history of this situation, feel free to contact Paul Cancienne in Congresswoman Bono Mack's office at (202) 225-5330. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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