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The Honorable Mary Bono Mack
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Colorado River Disputed Area
Proposed Solution

Dear Congresswoman Mack:

As I have alluded to a proposed solution to the boundary dispute in prior correspondence and directly with your staff, I have provided a written description of that solution enclosed with this letter. Also I would like to inform you of the impasse we are confronting, why we cannot develop the solution further, and request your assistance to “get the ball rolling” again.

Previously, taking your advice communicated through staff, we developed our plan in accordance with your concerns that it must be a compromise solution. We feel that the plan not only provides a compromise, but also provides enormous financial benefit to the Tribes and resolves the boundary dispute. We believe that it is truly a “win-win” approach.

In late 2007, we described the solution to members of your staff. At the time we were told that we needed to get Congressman Raul Grijalva to agree to the concept. Over the course of the last 3 years we made over 30 phone calls, wrote hundreds of letters, and had constituents plead with Grijalva to hear us. He has ignored our requests to respond. Staff from your office in June of 2008 spoke to Congressman Grijalva per our request. Even after urging from your staff, he has refused to grant us an audience or return calls

In the interim I explained the solution to Congressman Ed Royce personally. His response was that it was a perfect solution. I also discussed the solution with Congressman Gary Miller, who also indicated that the concept was certainly agreeable to him.

At this point we are asking that you review the proposed solution and let us know how we can assist in either motivating the Arizona congressman, or take whatever action is necessary to move legislation forward.

With the tribes now taking self-help actions in the disputed area, we can wait no longer to start making progress on resolving this intolerable situation for residents along the Colorado River. We would very much like to meet with you to discuss the proposal at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for all your help.

Sincerely,

Roger L. French
President

cc: Congressman Raul Grijalva, Arizona 7th District