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

RE: Colorado River Disputed Area
Blythe Boat Club

Dear Congresswoman Mack:

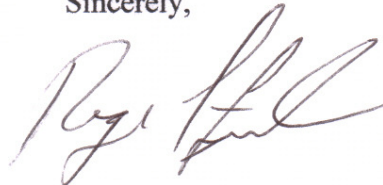
Please see enclosed a letter from the Blythe Boat Club (BBC) addressed to Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) Tribal Council Chairman Eldred Enas. Like the West Bank Homeowners Association (WBHA) and Water Wheel Resort, the BBC is now under direct assault from the Tribes with threats of eviction. As WBHA has done many times during the past 10 years, the BBC now puts the Tribes on notice that they recognize that the western boundary of the reservation is in dispute and they choose "to hold a neutral position until the Federal Government renders a final decision on the disputed territory". Also included in the letter is documentation that clearly shows that the lease CRIT claims to have with the BBC is in fact in Arizona, not in California.

Please pay particular note to the fact that the BBC was established on its present location by the founding fathers of the Palo Verde Valley in 1947, and that the BBC continues to hold title to the land. The Blythe Boat Club is a wonderful recreation area that has provided wholesome family activities for thousands of people over 60 years. Their members do not deserve harassment by a foreign sovereign, who have recently taunted residents with self help actions and threats to continue confiscation of personal property without due process.

It is time for the federal government to finally initiate legislation that will put an end to this intolerable situation. As I have discussed with your staff on several occasions, we believe that we have a solution to the boundary dispute that will be a win for the residents, the Tribes, the BBC, and the surrounding community. We hope that you will assist us with the development of legislation to that end.

Please contact us at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



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President

cc: Toni Hawley, Blythe Boat Club
Senator Dianne Feinstein, California
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