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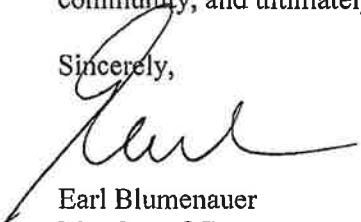
The Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
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Dear Secretary Jewell:

I write to express my opposition to the proposed acquisition of land to be taken into trust for the use and benefit of the Coquille Indian Tribe to operate a Class II gaming facility in Medford, Oregon. My understanding is that, in addition to significant legal questions remaining about the application, there are deep apprehensions about the proposed expansion of casino gaming in the community. I share those concerns and would also note that the City of Medford, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners, and Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber also oppose the proposal.

As you consider this decision, I urge you to closely evaluate the concerns raised by the local community, and ultimately reject this proposal.

Sincerely,


Earl Blumenauer
Member of Congress