



OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Secretary Zinke
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington DC, 20240

September 21, 2018

Dear Secretary Zinke,

We are writing in opposition of a proposed casino development in Medford, Oregon, based on our concern that approval may lead to significant increases in casinos in Oregon.

The proposal by the Coquille Tribe should not be approved. Oregon has a long-standing policy of permitting one casino per tribe on reservation land. The Coquille already has a casino on their reservation in Coos Bay. Their proposal before you for a second casino is on property that was a Chinese restaurant where they have no ancestral ties and is 180 miles away from its reservation.

Oregon voters have spoken on this topic more than once. Overwhelmingly, Oregonians have rejected any efforts to expand gaming beyond the current one casino per Tribe on reservation land. If you approve this application, that policy will be dismantled and disrupt the balance for gaming that the State of Oregon has strived for years to create.

As legislative leaders in Oregon, we respectfully ask you to deny this application.

Sincerely,

Senate Republican Leader Jackie Winters

House Republican Leader Mike McLane