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Spokane Tribe of Indians
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Dear Sirs,

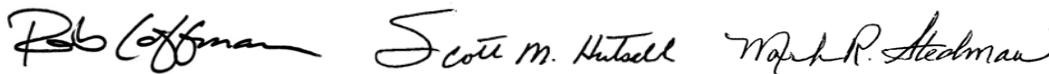
The Lincoln County Commissioners continue to fully support efforts by the Spokane Tribe of Indians to gain reparation payments for the Columbia River's inundation of their lands when the Grand Coulee Dam was constructed many years ago.

As you recall, in previous legislation provisions to change the tribal boundary to include the south shore of the Spokane River was hit by strong opposition by our Board and the Lincoln County citizens. We greatly appreciate that provision is again eliminated and the south shore of the Spokane River will remain as it has since the inception of the Coulee Dam project.

Our support is based on the proposed legislation that has been provided to us by the tribe in S.B. 995. If the legislation changes during the legislative process, we would like to reserve the right to reevaluate the impact on our citizens and our support for the bill.

We urge Congress to enact the said legislation so that this matter can be resolved and the Spokane Tribe can receive their due settlement.

Sincerely,



Rob Coffman
Chairman

Scott M. Hutsell
Vice- Chair

Mark R. Stedman
Member