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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
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The Honorable Alex Padilla
United States Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Feinstein and Padilla:

I am writing on behalf of Del Norte County to support the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation's FY22 Congressionally directed spending request. The Tribe is requesting \$2.5 million for wastewater infrastructure improvements to provide safe and reliable wastewater services to 150 lower-income residential households.

The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation is seeking to replace wastewater infrastructure in a mobile home park (Ship Ashore) that was acquired by the Tribe in 2016 and is located at the Mouth of the Smith River, on the Pacific Ocean. While most of the infrastructure on the property has considerable deferred maintenance issues, this project is a priority as the current wastewater system is an outdated lagoon system, which is more than 50 years old and does not meet current environmental regulatory standards and poses considerable health and safety concerns. Without funds for system replacement, the current system could fail entirely, leaving the 150 households without wastewater disposal.

We appreciate the Tribe's work to make much needed investments in the property and hope you will support them in these efforts by providing funding for this important project.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

Chris Howard, Chair
Board of Supervisors
Del Norte County, California