Petition to Repeal or Completion of Public Law 671, 83rd Congress

Petition summary and background: On August 27, 1954, Congress enacted the "Ute Partition Act" (UPA), Public Law #671, 68 Stat. 863 (codified as amended at 25 U.S.C…677-677a (1982) for the purpose of termination all three Bands of the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation located in the State of Utah.

This act, known as "Termination" mandated that the Ute Indian Tribe be removed from Federal supervision by the United State Government and Individual members of said Ute Indian Tribe would no longer be recognized as American Indian within a ten year period following the passage of this Act.

On July 8, 1970 President Richard M. Nixon sent a formal message to the United States Congress renouncing the policy of termination and called upon Congress to take action to repudiate this policy that was having a devastating social and economic effect on all American Indian Tribes and their members. By the end of the decade, American Indian Tribes subject to termination acts passed by Congress in the 1950's had their status of federal recognized American Indians restored. That is all but a group of 490 terminated members of the Uinta Band of Ute Indian in Utah who were branded as Mixed-Blood under the Ute Partition Act (P.L. 671 83rd Congress).

The Ute Partition Act of 1954 is nothing more then a wanton act that rapaciously ended a way of life for these 490 Uinta Ute Indians. This Act should have been repealed, not amended in 1982!

Action petitioned for: We, the People of these United States, rightfully petition the Congress of these United States to act now to either repeal the whole Ute Partition Act of 1954 and restore federal recognition to the 490 terminated mixed blood Uinta's and their descendants, or complete the act as mandated under U.S. Code Title 25, chapter 14, subchapter XXIII § 677W ending Federal Supervision of the full blood members thus terminating recognition of the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation as American Indians by the United States Government.

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