

June 23, 2006  
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Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee  
Attn: Ms. Rebecca A. Miles, Chairwoman  
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RE: Response letter from Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee to  
Oranna B. Felter, Concerning her "Letter of Support"

Dear Chairwoman Miles and other Committee Members,

Thank you for your response concerning my "Letter of Support" asking for your Support in having Public Law 671 Repealed. This controversial Public Law is the Federal Law that "Terminated" me and my people. The Courts have let us down so we must petition Congress so that we could once again be Federally Recognized, this is why we will be presenting a Resolution for passage at the National Congress of American Indians 2006 Annual conference to be held in Sacramento, Ca. Prior to our Termination in 1954, several of our Tribal Members were deeply elected Officials of NCAI.

I would like to comment on your statement where you make the following statement: "It is the policy of NPTEC to specifically "NOT" support or "OPPOSE" efforts by "GROUPS/ORGANIZATIONS" to become recognized."

I wish to make it clear to the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee and All Native American Tribes/ Groups/ Organizations/ etc., that "WE WERE A TRIBE!! A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBE," AND WE WERE "TERMINATED BY AN ACT (P.L. 671) THAT HAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED THE LIVES OF MOST OF MY PEOPLE OVER A LONG AND PAINFUL "50"YEAR STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE."

Tribes who have never been forced to go through the humiliation of a Termination process beyond their control have never experienced the effects that "Termination" of Native American Indians has on the body, mind and spirit. We all personally experienced the fact that this rejected federal policy can rip the Heart and Soul out of your whole family and tribal members who had to live in "two" different Worlds, one "white" and one "Indian". This is a total injustice when you have been raised Indian all your life and then your entire Native identity Heart and Soul are ripped out.

We have never forgotten our “roots” and who we are, where we came from. Most of my people still participate in Native Ceremonies etc. I was eleven years old, when Termination hit like bomb on our reservation. There was approx. 260 “Minor Children” out of 490 on our rolls. Our adult members were not given a choice and its never been proven that an official vote was taken to terminate us. Termination was crammed down our throats by federal bureaucrats and members of Congress who told everyone we would be better off with our Indian status while they were licking their lips looking at our land, our valuable minerals, knowing they would eventually steal our Pride, Heritage and Valuable Land and Water from us.

The Minor Children affected by this cancerous federal law didn’t have a “vote” or “say” in Termination and we were the Majority of our tribe. There is a lot of “History” behind our termination, an lots of needless emotional pain and suffering among our exterminated Uintas caused by this law that remains on the books. Our “Spirit People” cannot rest in peace, as neither can we, until our Uinta identity is put back into our bodies and souls. We are intent on continuing to let the Nations around the World know who we were, what happened to us and that we will eventually win our restoration as “Uintas” who were victims of a federal policy rejected long ago by President Nixon.

I hope that Native American People across the County will see “Through Our Termination” how termination can “strip” you of your “identity” and completely destroy the lives of the Native People, not only the ones who were terminated, but the lives of our descendents who are treated as badly as we were many years ago. All it takes is a “stroke of a pen” for Congress to wipe any Tribe out of existence. Unless P.L. 671 is repealed, no Tribe will ever be safe from consideration by unscrupulous federal bureaucrats and faithless members of the U.S. Congress from the ugly head of “Termination”. As long as the cancer called “Termination” remains on the law books as P.L. 671, this cancer can grow and pop up at any time but under a different title or form.

I would suggest that you and your Tribe go on our website titled [www.undelcaredutes.net](http://www.undelcaredutes.net) which I gave to you previously. I urge you to get to know us and our proud history and the genocidal experiment that resulted in whites gaining control and ownership of our valuable property and even assuming our termination roll numbers so they can masquerade as “Uintas” and receive millions and millions of dollars and wealth that was stolen from my People. You will find out we are and see that we are no different than any other Native American Indian, except we have been forced to endure and go through more hell than you could ever imagine.

I would also like to suggest that you read the two books that were written about us:

1) “The Dispossessed” Cultural Genocide of the Mixed Blood Utes by Parker M. Nielson and

2) “Termination Legacy” The Discarded Indians of Utah, by R. Warren Metcalf.

Both of these books document in great detail the fraud, deception and outright lying that federal bureaucrats and members of Congress (Sen. Arthur Watkins) engaged in in order get P.L. 671 enacted into law.

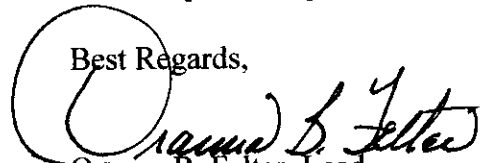
For several years since we filed our lawsuit against the United States, we have done many things to educate the public about our plight. We feel that when you are a Native American person or Indian Tribe and you are called upon for support to end a clear and present injustice that kills our Indian brothers and sisters Spirit that what little effort in researching and studying their request will be rewarded greatly. With computers in this Modern Day and age it does not take that long to look at our website and to become convinced that we are not some imaginary bogus tribe pulling some trick to become federally-recognized. After you find out what actually happened to us in 1954, I believe that you will gain a compassionate view of our pain and misery as Proud federally-recognized members of the Uinta Band of Ute Indians of Utah who live for only one simple thing – Justice. Native American lives that are at stake and we are depending on the support of Tribes like yours to write a simple letter of support to reverse P.L. 671.

If your identity as a Nez Perce Indian was at risk by Act of Congress, we are sure that you would expect other Indians to come to your aid with letters asking for support and fair and just treatment. If we can help our Native American Brothers and Sisters all across the United States lets do it especially when we are called upon for support from other Native American People. Personally, I would support any “Terminated” Native American Indian Tribe in a heartbeat, with no questions asked because I would know that at one time these people were federally recognized and there would be no doubt of what Grandfather would expect me to do to help out.

Even though you will not be supporting us, which we feel badly about, I want to Thank you for taking the time to write and let us know. I will pray that you and your Tribe will see that we are an exception deserving of moral and spiritual support in our Battle for Justice.

May Grandfather Bless you and your People and bestow compassion upon them.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Oranna B. Felter". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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Plaintiff, Felter v. Norton and  
Terminated Mixed  
Blood Uinta Band Member

CC: obf & Terminated Mixed Blood Uinta Band Member of Utah Files  
(Sent to the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee on June 23, 2006  
U.S. Mail)