

Sample letter of support-Executive Action:

Date, 2016

To President Obama(Whom It May Concern)

Please consider this letter to represent our (my) full support of the Chinook Indian Nation and their efforts to clarify their Federal Status. The extension of these rights to their community is long overdue. We implore you to consider Executive Action to fix this situation. The United States is better than what we have done to the Chinook People.

Their long and important history at the mouth of the Columbia River and their important historical influence in the Pacific Northwest deserves to continue and flourish.

There is too much uncertainty in their previous review by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Because the Clinton Administration recognized them, and the Bush Administration rescinded it, they deserve a fair review of their situation. I (we) am sure you will find that they are deserving of Federal Acknowledgment. This must be considered without the influence of other Tribes or so called interested parties. As residents of their aboriginal homeland we know the Chinook People and acknowledge the important contributions that they make here. There is no doubt that they continue to exist.

A recognized Chinook Indian Nation is good for our area. They will provide an important boost to a repressed economy and will become an even more significant player in the enhancement of our natural resources. Further, their traditional knowledge enriches us all and should be preserved.

Please respect the opinion and knowledge of our local people (businesses / institutions / governments) that reside here in the homeland of the Chinook people. Their existence cannot be denied and it is time to put an end to this historical injustice once and for all. There is no doubt that the Chinook Indian Nation should be counted amongst the other Federally Recognized Tribes of the United States.

Sincerely