

Sample letter of support-Restoration Bill

Date, 2016

To _____ (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. We have reviewed the draft bill and support its provisions. The extension of these rights to the Chinook Indian Nation is long overdue.

The Chinook's 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.

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,