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Mr. Alvin R. Denver  
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Dear Mr. Denver:

Thank you for writing concerning the Ute Partition Act of 1954. I welcome the opportunity to respond.

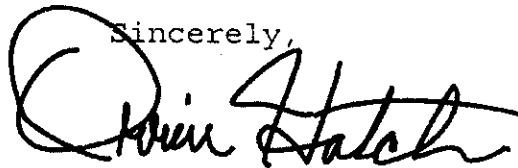
As you know, the mixed-blood Ute Indians voted to terminate tribal status in the 1950s. Based on the vote, Congress enacted the Ute Partition Act. Since the enactment of the Ute Partition Act, there have been at least 24 Federal lawsuits filed claiming that the vote to terminate Ute tribal status was illegitimate. None of the lawsuits, so far, has cast any doubt on the legitimacy of the vote or provided any legal ground to provide reparations.

While I have no intention to introduce legislation at this time, I assure you that I will continue to closely monitor this situation, keeping your views in mind.

In order to quell any rumors, know that I do not own stock in the Ute Distribution Corporation of Utah.

Again, thank you for bringing your views to my attention.

Sincerely,



Orrin G. Hatch  
United States Senator

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