

JUNE 21, 2006

Dear Mr. Felter:

Thank you so very much for your letter received last week. Your letter brings our struggle for recognition, that the plight of the landless tribes in the State of Washington is not an isolated problem.

We totally agree with your comments regarding federal inaction and why should indigenous people have to prove their existence.

Our problem here in the State of Washington is that some of non-treaty tribes, or should I say did not sign treaties, but were given reservations, that makes them recognized by the federal government. These tribal groups are gaming reservations, have money and actively lobby against tribes seeking recognition. And when you without the status, it hard for your voice to be heard. The Duwamish Tribe has never been terminated, and we were first to sign the Point Elliot Treaty by our Chief Sealth, who the pioneers thought they gave him honor by name the city after him. Thus the big city of Seattle!!!

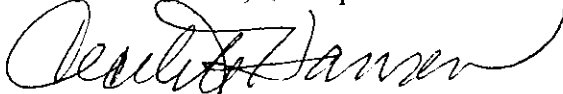
When is the National Congress of American Indians 2006 Conference meeting? The Tribes in this State were very active in seeking support, however some of leaders were actively fighting that support because of fishing rights and gaming. I believe there is resolution on the books that pertains to supporting tribes who are seeking recognition. You should contact the Executive Director of National Congress requesting that information. If I knew when the conference was meeting, schedule permitting, I would attend to perhaps speak to this problem that exists in the Pacific Northwest.

Yes, in behalf of your people, I support your efforts to "repeal" the U.P.A.

We are having an Summit meeting to discuss the acknowledgment problem in our State on Saturday, June 24, 2006. I know it is a little late but enclosing the announcement with our letter.

Very Sincerely yours:

Cecile A. Hansen, Chairperson DUWAMISH TRIBE



*Keep in touch!*