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**RE: Letter from Senator Bennett (R-Utah) Dated: June 9, 2006
Concerning the Ute Partition Act, Known as P.L. 671
And the matter of Reinstating Federal Recognition for
The Mixed Blood "Terminated" members of the Ute Indian
Tribe of Utah.**

Dear Senator Bennett,

I am in receipt of your June 9, 2006 letter and appreciate your views on the "Ute Partition Act and how it was implemented."

I think it would be wise for both you and Senator Hatch and the Congressmen of the State of Utah to get involved in what is going on in the "State of Utah" with the people who have lived here all of our lives. Clearly, it would be nice for you and the rest of our Congressional Representatives to be educated on the Act from someone else beside the Ute Indian Tribe and the Department of the Interior. Only when this happens will you have a true understanding of an "Act of Congress" that was passed "illegally" and against the wishes of my Uinta People. The facts prove that Sen. Arthur Watkins and his cronies shoved the Ute Partition Act knowing that we would be eventually fleeced out of our Indian identities, land, water and valuable minerals. There was a great deal of shady and fraudulent dealings going on before the Act was passed in 1954 that the most lowdown horse trader would be ashamed of. Repealing the Act would return honor back to the State of Utah that it lost when we were stripped of our Indian status and thrown on the side of the road like garbage.

If you and the other Congressional delegates were to open your eyes to this shameful chapter of Utah history, you will see that those scoundrels who worked up the Ute Partition Act so it could get passed were all the while working behind the scenes and intentionally keeping critical information from getting into the hands of people who needed it and had a right to it. Us!

The facts show that the implementation of P.L. 671 involved and counted on depriving the Terminated Members of the Tribe of that which was supposed to be used as Compensation for their own "Termination." (Ref. Termination Legacy and other documents). It was all one big scheme to cheat Indians out of their Land. Let me take you through a short History Lesson of the Terminated Mixed Blood Uinta Band of Ute Indians of Utah," and their Termination.

Is the United States Congress aware of the fact that the "Ute Distribution Corporation", established by the Ute Partition Act to help us after our termination, is now run for the benefit of the Ute Tribe and non-Indians?

First, let me stress to you that only 490 Mixed Bloods were Terminated. Out of that 490, approximately 260 were "Minor Children" with no voice or Vote, in the Termination. I was one of those minor children, the weakest of the weak and the most defenseless of the undefended. The adults of our group really had no choice over their termination. It was forced on us by Sen. Watkins and others who now live in wealth that we should have had to make our lives better. We have asked the federal government to show that our termination was legal and taken after a valid vote of the Uintas under the 1937 Tribal Constitution. This documentation does not exist and it has never been proven that an official and legal vote was taken to terminate us.

Second, let's not forget that the rest of our Tribe, The Full Blood Utes were to be Terminated within a seven to ten year period after us. Before, during and after 1954, the Ute Tribe and the terminated Uintas were represented by same lawyer, one of the best example of an unscrupulous double dealing lawyer in American history. This lawyer, John Boyden, committed the worst unethical behavior that no one, even the Bureau of Indian Affairs, bothered to stop because it suited their evil designs. The record proves that officials of the terminated Uintas repeated told the Bureau of Indian Affairs that they wanted another independent and fair lawyer who would honestly and competently advise them when we were turned out and forced to sink or swim. My Uinta People died in poverty and emotional pain watching the rich non-Indians plunder us poor Indians.

Third, a Law was created by an Act of Congress for the "Termination of the "Whole Ute Tribe". This Law is "Public Law 671, 83rd". Congress, "A law was Breathed life Into" that now only one fourth of the Ute Indian Tribe has to live by, "The Terminated Mixed Bloods." How can there be a law "enacted for a "whole" tribe, them make only A fourth of a tribe live by that law??" Again, the facts are clear that federal officials, members of the U.S. Congress and the lowest sort of unethical lawyer all agreed to keep us terminated while they were sneaking behind the backs of everyone to make sure we would sign our land over to them. The Ute Partition Act is the most vile and foul smelling piece of federal legislation ever passed. Even Saddam Hussein and Hitler would pinch their noses shut because it stands for the worst Act of Congress taken out against decent, hard working and

patriotic Uintas who put their lives on the line in War to let you and other keep our cherished democratic freedoms.

677 g. "Membership Rolls of the Full Blood and Mixed Blood members; preparation and initial publication; appeal from inclusion or omission from rolls; finality of determination; final publication; "inheritable Interest"; "Future Membership." This section provided that "no" Tribal member that remained on the "Full Blood Roll" could receive an "Inheritable Interest" in Tribal Property.

677i. "Division of assets; basis; prior alienation or encumbrance; partition By Secretary upon non-agreement; assistance; management of claims and Rights; division of net proceeds; applicability of usual processes of the law to originally owned stock of corporate representative and to corporate distributions." This section provided that after the "Rolls" were published under 677g. **"That the individuals on the Mixed Blood Roll would "receive an inherited interest in the "TRIBAL ASSETS" that were "NOT DISTRIBUTED."**

677o. "Termination of restrictions on individually owned property of the Mixed blood group- Transfer of control of "Trust Property"; removal of sales restrictions. This section provided that: That there would "remain" Tribal Property for the benefit of "Both" groups. I draw your attention to the following language about Mixed-Blood property: "his property shall thereby be terminated, except to his remaining interest in "TRIBAL PROPERTY" in the form of any unadjudicated or unliquidated claims against the U.S., all gas, oil and mineral rights of every kind., and **"ALL OTHER TRIBAL ASSETS NOT SUSCEPTIBLE TO EQUITABLE AND PRACTICABLE DISTRIBUTION, ALL OF WHICH "SHALL REMAIN" SUBJECT TO THE TERMS OF SECTIONS 677-677aa of this title notwithstanding anything contained in such section to the "Contrary."** These are the "only" ones who can "participate in Tribal Property Period"

It is clear that the Ute Indian Tribe under their present Constitution "is no threat to the Mixed Bloods," and their rights do not pose a problem for the terminated Mixed Blood members of the Ute Indian Tribe.

The Ute Indian Tribe initiated the "Ute Partition Act." (P.L 671) and the Act did not "require a "BLOOD QUANTUM" to appear on the Mixed Blood Roll. **"The "Only Requirement" of the Ute Partition Act concerning "BLOOD QUANTUM" was to determine which roll you was to go on, that's all."**

The Secretary of the Interior **"Refuses To" accept his responsibility** under the Act although he is "still holding assets in trust for the Terminated Mixed Blood members and he refuses to protect these assets." The Secretary and the Ute Indian Tribe are at fault for not recognizing the "identity" of the Terminated Mixed Blood Indians and the "Rights they still possess under the Ute Partition Act." What is shoveled out to you, the Courts and to the public by the Ute Tribe and the federal government for all these years is pure and simple garbage.

Trouble is that everyone who stands beside the Ute Tribe and the other non-Indians in the Ute Distribution Corporation believe they hold the truth about this massive injustice – I can tell you they have done the best job of turning lies into truth that only the best street con artist would love.

We have our website at: www.undeclaredutes.net. I hope you, your staff and all the other Senators and Congressmen will visit and see the truth that no one can ignore. That is if they only want to keep filling the bloated bellies of the ones who use our assigned termination numbers to get more wealthy. They have no moral conscience and won't look into the crookedness of how they got our Ute Distribution Corporation stock into their hands. This recommendation is especially for the Representatives from our "State of Utah" because I think it is important that you realize that the "Terminated Mixed Blood Uintas of the Ute Tribe of Utah" are here right now. We have always been here. We are here to stay and will keep telling the Nations of the Earth about this injustice and evil act that remains living and breathing and hurting us in ways that only the worst class of humans would ignore.

There are also two Books that have been wrote about us, that will help educate you and your staff on the lives and Journey to Justice for the Terminated Utes. They are:

- 1) "The Dispossessed" by Parker M. Nielson, "Cultural Genocide of The Mixed Blood Uintas."**
- 2) "Termination Legacy" by R. Warren Metcalf, "The Discarded Indians of Utah."**

These books tell the other side of this tragic American story that the Ute Tribe and others who absconded with our identity and land and don't want the decent People of the World's Honorable Nations to see.

It's for these reasons I truly believe you should reconsider the Position you have taken in your June 9, 2006 Letter. Take a closer and clearer look at how our "Rights have been violated for the Last fifty years and is still continuing as I write this letter." Our people have suffered immense pain because of Public Law 671. Look at the list of stockholders of the Ute Distribution Corporation and you will see many powerful and wealthy corporations who managed to get what should have been ours. We all know that the rich and powerful can even get the courts to go their way especially when faithless federal officials help the lawyers shovel garbage and lies in front of federal and state judges. The fact that a court ruled against us does not mean the ruling was right only that the weak and defenseless terminated Indians were put up to slaughter by the federal government with the Ute Partition Act serving as the sick excuse for all this to happen in your own State of Utah.

Until the Ute Partition Act is repealed like other racist Acts of Congress, our pain will never stop and the Spirits of our People who have passed on will not be able to rest in Peace. "Jim Crow" never left Utah like it left the rest of the United States. We are treated by the locals and the Ute Tribe like the Blacks were treated until Congress was pressured and saw fit to repeal the racist laws that made discrimination legal – go through the back door or shut up because your problems don't count! The Ute Partition Act stays on the books as a "legal" law but it is "immoral" and against human dignity just like "Jim Crow" was up and until the 1960's.

Like many of my terminated Uinta People, we are frustrated and angry that our pleas have been put aside by our own federal officials and elected members of Congress like we are lepers. Our lawyer has told the public many times that our U.S. Congress accords better and humane treatment to illegal aliens, wild horses, bears and chickens than the Terminated Uintas. We know the reason why this is the situation – the rich and powerful who now own our identity and wealth don't want you to move an inch toward getting us justice by repealing the Ute Partition Act.

We are angry and will let other Nations know that there is no fairness, compassion and justice toward Utah's own original Indigenous People, the Uinta Band of Ute Indians. In a State where one would expect a compassionate view toward our plight one would think it would be right here in Utah, a State that most of the World believes should champion justice for Indians and not ridicule and ignore our calls for help. Many citizens of Utah are actively among other of the World's Indigenous speaking to them about spirituality, love and justice. We will let them know this is not the situation with my Uinta People. We sincerely believe that when other Honorable Nations come to know of our horrendous mistreatment by the U.S. Congress and a genocidal law called the Ute Partition Act that they will join is on the Path for Justice. Because we can't break through the negative attitudes of our elected officials, State and Federal, our next campaign is to write to the Embassies of all of World Nations to educate them and seek their support.

Again, Thank you for writing, and I look forward to hearing from you regarding this letter. I am deeply committed to our fight and won't stop until we get the attention our situation deserves. As our Senator from the State of Utah, we are counting on you for your support to help us sake off this Plight called the Ute Partition Act and gain a sympathetic understanding why we Walk For Justice. It is time for our Uinta People to be recognized for who we are: "Native American Indians of the State of Utah."

Sincerely,



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