

Secretary of the Interior
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Date

Your Address

Dear Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt,

As a resident of Seattle, Washington, I am writing to express my disappointment and concern regarding the Bureau of Indian Affairs' July 2, 2015 decision to deny federal recognition to the Duwamish Tribe.

It is unacceptable that 160 years after Chief Si'ahl signed the Point Elliott Treaty, his descendants are still struggling to restore federal recognition of their rights. As Duwamish Tribal Chairperson Cecile Hansen has recently said, the Department of the Interior and the BIA should similarly work to restore, not extinguish, recognition of tribal communities.

I will continue to support the Duwamish in their ongoing struggle to restore federal recognition. I urge you and your Department to be responsive to and respectful of the Duwamish people in the future.

I stand with the Duwamish because they are the First People of the city that I live in. You, too, have a responsibility to right this historic injustice.

Sincerely,

Your Signature

Your Name Printed