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August 24, 2015

The Honorable Jerry Brown Governor, State of California State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

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RE: Assembly Bill 30

Dear Honorable Governor and Legislators:

On August 19, 2015, our office mailed or faxed a letter regarding our opposition to Assembly Bill 30, and the costs that will be incurred by my district if it passes. The Tulare Joint Union High School District has received an additional letter from Neil Peyron, Chairman of the Tule River Tribal Council, in support of Tulare Union High School's use of the Redskins mascot. (See attached letter).

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to a positive response.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sarah Koligian, Superintendent

CC: Board Members, Tulare Joint Union High School District
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TULE RIVER INDIAN TRIBE OF CALIFORNIA

August 21, 2015

Sarah Koligian Secretary to the Board of Trustees Tulare Joint Union High School District 426 North Blackstone Tulare, CA 93274

Dear Ms. Koligian:

At a duly called meeting of the Tule River Tribal Council on June 18, 2015 a decision was made to provide the Tulare Joint Union High School District with a letter of support regarding the use of your mascot "The Redskin."

The Tule River Tribal Council feels that the history surrounding the name "Redskin" is negative, however, it is time to mend these feelings and move on. Although we will never forget what has happened in the past, we do not wish to dwell on it either.

We acknowledge the tremendous pride felt by students and alumni of Tulare Joint Union High School District and how the School uses it's mascot as a sign of pride and honor, and support the School District's use of its mascot in this way.

The Tribal Council appreciates the Tulare Joint Union High School District's efforts in meeting with the Tribe on this sensitive issue.

Sincerely,

Neil Peyron, Chairman Tule River Tribal Council