

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Ms. Charlene Nijmeh, Chair
Muwekma Ohlone Tribe
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Dear Chair Nijmeh,

Thank you for meeting with us while you were in Washington, D.C. It was important for all five of us to hear from you directly.

We've discussed the issues relating to the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe, and we agree unanimously on a crucial point: None of us want casinos in our Congressional Districts because we're concerned that gambling will negatively impact the communities we represent.

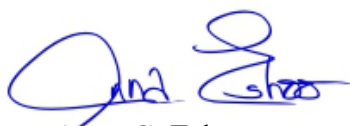
To further explore your views on gambling, we ask that you clarify your position in writing on the following:

Would the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe support legislation granting federal recognition and providing for the taking of land into trust for the Tribe (should the Tribe desire to do so) with a narrow prohibition on gaming activities?

This legislative framework is modelled on previously enacted legislation¹ granting recognition to other tribes, and it would not preclude the Tribe from engaging in other forms of economic development activity.

We thank you in advance for your clarification and hope to receive it by the end of this month.

Sincerely,



Anna G. Eshoo
Member of Congress



Zoe Lofgren
Member of Congress



Eric Swalwell
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Ro Khanna
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Jimmy Panetta
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¹ Public Law 115-121