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June 8, 2020

The Honorable Anthony J. Portantino  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2006  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SCA 6 (Dodd) – OPPOSE

Dear Chairman Portantino:

This letter is sent on behalf of the Boys & Girls Club of Southwest County in opposition to SCA 6 (Dodd), a measure that would severely impact our tribal government partners by infringing on their constitutional gaming rights and subsequently their ability to provide for their tribes and surrounding communities.

The development of tribal gaming has been one of the most important drivers of economic growth in Riverside County in the last two decades. With that growth, tribal governments throughout the county have made substantial investments to critical services and programs that help ensure the safety, health and well-being of residents within the region. Cumulatively, tribal gaming tribes have made the greatest contribution to philanthropic services and programs in our region, something that hundreds, if not thousands, of community members have come to rely upon to receive the support and resources they need to be self-sufficient.

The Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians alone has invested over \$15 million to local community non-profit service organizations. We simply cannot support a measure that would undermine the Tribe's ability to partner with hundreds of organizations that provide services and programs critical to the growth, well-being, and self-sufficiency of surrounding cities and counties. What is more, this measure breaks an agreement between tribes and the state through the passage of Proposition 1A in 2000 with 65% of the vote.

We are proud to stand with our tribal government partner in opposing SCA 6. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Freize Uhler  
Chairwoman of the Board

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