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The Honorable Anthony J. Portantino
Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2006
Sacramento, CA 95814
Via Email: Anthony.portantino@sen.ca.gov

Re: SCA 6 (Dodd) – OPPOSE

Dear Chairman Portantino:

As a member of the Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County, I write to oppose SCA 6 (Dodd), a measure that would severely impact tribal governments' ability to provide for themselves and their surrounding communities. SCA 6 would directly harm Sonoma County by devastating tribes' ability to continue to provide the financial support they are currently providing us.

Graton Resort & Casino has provided over \$40 million to Sonoma County in mitigation fees for law, justice, public safety and other programs and to local charities over the past six years. These jobs and contributions will be essential to resuscitating our local economy from the deep economic disruptions caused by COVID-19. In addition, Graton has donated upwards of \$10 million in charitable contributions to such things as the Sonoma Land Trust, Tolay Regional Park, Tubbs fire relief, the Redwood Empire Food Bank, and much more. SCA 6 threatens this vital ongoing aid to our county.

Tribes have strengthened our shared communities, as reflected in the promise of Proposition 1A (2000) that authorized Indian gaming in California. I stand with tribal government leaders in opposing SCA 6 and what would be yet another broken agreement with Native American tribes.

Sincerely,

Shirlee Zane
Supervisor, Third District

Cc: Chairman Greg Sarris, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria

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