



TABLE MOUNTAIN RANCHERIA

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Assemblyman James Ramos
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RE: Support for AB 221, Tribal Nation Grant Fund

Dear Assemblyman Ramos,

On behalf of Table Mountain Rancheria, we are writing to express our support for AB 221, a bill to improve and streamline distributions to California Tribes from the Tribal Nation Grant Fund (TNGF). As you know, AB 221 is endorsed by the California Nations Indian Gaming Association (CNIGA) and by the Tribal Alliance of Sovereign Indian Nations (TASIN), two of California's leading advocacy groups for tribal issues.

From its inception, the TNGF has impeded the flow of much-needed funds to California's non-gaming and limited gaming Tribes, due in part to an unnecessarily cumbersome grant application process. AB 221 would remove those obstacles and make the resources generated by California's successful Tribal Gaming industry more readily available to a larger number of recipient Tribes.

Once again, we acknowledge your leadership in moving forward with a bill to address the critical concerns of Indian Country. As with previous legislation from your office, AB 221 seeks to address economic inequality, and to rectify a situation for the long-term benefit of all California Tribes. In recognition of your efforts, you have our continuing gratitude, and AB 221 has our unqualified support. Please let me know if we can assist in the effort to pass this important bill.

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Respectfully submitted,

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