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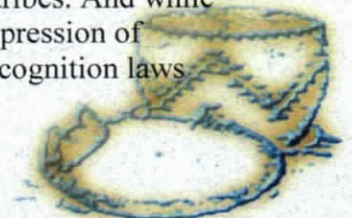
**RE: Senate Concurrent Resolution 31**

Dear Senators Roblan and Hansell, and Representatives McKeown and Sanchez:

On behalf of the Klamath Tribes, I want to thank you for introducing Senate Concurrent Resolution 31, and to express the support of the Klamath Tribes for this resolution. Our people have lived with the impacts of the wrong-headed and destructive policy of “termination” for over 60 years. The wording of the resolution is very accurate: termination was and is an “unmitigated disaster.” The harm continues to this day. Even though our people never doubted who they were, and successfully fought for recognition of their rights and ultimately for restoration, the scars of that policy still have not healed, and the damage done is still with us. Our reservation of over one million acres – reserved through our Treaty as our heartlands – was taken from our ownership and transferred to the Forest Service and to private ownership. We continue to seek the restoration of those lands, and continue to work to heal the intergenerational trauma of termination.

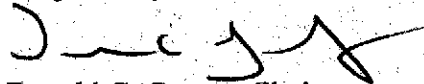
It is heartening to see your effort to have the State of Oregon officially recognize the deprivations, losses and problems that resulted from termination. While the termination policy was not enacted by the State of Oregon, it was carried out with the support of Oregon’s elected officials. We are glad to see an acknowledgment that the policy has been “long-repudiated.” Even moreso, we support the State being officially on record as supporting the federal recognition, self-determination and economic independence of all nine Oregon tribes. And while the harm of termination can never be fully undone, we fully support a formal expression of opposition to any involuntary efforts to terminate or otherwise amend federal recognition laws for any Oregon tribe.

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Again, the Klamath Tribes thanks you for introducing this long-awaited resolution, and we express our full support.

Respectfully,



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