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United States Department of interior  
Washington, DC 20240

RE: Comments on Federal Acknowledgement Re-Petitioning 1076-AF67

Dear Mr. Mullen:

I am writing on behalf of the tribes that have been denied federal recognition especially the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama Tribe and in response to the federal notice dated May 3, 2022, comment on the Interior Department's Consideration of whether to amend its regulations, at 25 C.F.R. Part 83, to permit re-petitioning to take advantage of the 2015 reforms to the federal acknowledgment process. acknowledgment

I agree with the two federal court rulings determining that the Department's explanation for its decision to ban re-petitioning was insufficient under the Administrative Procedures Act. Groups seeking acknowledgment under regulations at 25 C.F .R. Part 83 which were denied prior to the 2015 revisions, should not be barred from re-petitioning under the revised rules. Therefore, petitioning groups denied based on determinations inconsistent with the 2015 revised regulations, should be permitted to re-petition the Department for recognition as an Indian tribe.

Please consider the information contained herein, my official response regarding this serious injustice to these tribes, especially the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me as stated below.

Sincerely,

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