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The Honorable Toni Atkins, Chair  
Senate Rules Committee  
State Capitol Building, Room 400  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 1343 (Hueso) Tribes: Land Acquisition: Comments - OPPOSE**

Dear Senator Atkins,

On behalf of the City of Oceanside, I'm writing to oppose SB 1343. Existing federal law requires the Secretary of the Department of the Interior to notify the state and local governments having regulatory jurisdiction over the land to be acquired, and authorizes the state or local government to provide written comments as to the acquisition's potential impacts on regulatory jurisdiction, real property taxes, and special assessments.

This bill would require the state, when submitting comments as described above, to support, and not oppose, fee-into-trust applications submitted by tribal governments.

SB 1343 would undermine local control by forcing the state to continuously support land acquisitions without further written comments. Oceanside respects the sovereignty of the various tribes, but this bill would potentially eliminate future collaborations, cooperation, and healthy negotiations between local governments and neighboring tribes. For these reasons, the City of Oceanside opposes SB 1343.

Sincerely,

Peter Weiss  
MAYOR

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