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SENT BY TELEFAX

February 2, 2010

Senator Max Baucus
 Senator from Montana
 511 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Room 511
 Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Cobell Settlement

Dear Senator Baucus:

This is to advise you that the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council is one hundred percent behind the settlement in the Cobell case (Cobell v. Salazar). As you realize, this settlement requires Congressional approval. Therefore, we are requesting that you attach this legislation to the Senate Finance Committee bills that are now moving through Congress with a target approval date of February 28, 2010. The settlement agreement with the Obama Administration expires on this date and we could lose the opportunity to settle this historic case of the government's trust fund mismanagement of funds belonging to more than 500,000 Indian people throughout Indian country.


In your position as Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and as the Senior Senator from Montana, we, as your constituents are counting on you to push forward this legislation for the benefit of all the Indian account holders in Montana. We know that you have been supportive of this case in the past and are now asking you, in your powerful position, to help us right this terrible wrong that has been done to Indian people.

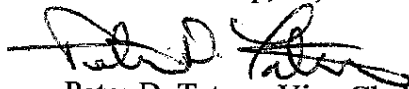
We know that we can depend on your immediate attention to this matter and that we will shortly hear you have attached this legislation to a Senate Finance bill which will move expeditiously through Congress and finally right a century of shame of the United States toward its first citizens.

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Also, please be aware that the lead Plaintiff in this case, Eloise Cobell is an enrolled member of the Blackfeet Tribe, and a citizen of Montana, so we have an even greater interest in seeing that her vision and years of work on this case come to fruition. We know you feel the same pride in her accomplishment.

Sincerely yours,


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cc: Senator Jon Tester