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March 8, 2010

Sr. Senator Mike Crapo
Senator from Idaho
239 Dirksen Senator Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Re: Cobell Settlement

Dear Senator Crapo;

This is to advise you that the Fort Hall Landowners Alliance, a Fort Hall organization created in 1994 for the members of this Shoshone-Bannock Tribes in Idaho is in full support behind the settlement in the Cobell case (Cobell v Salazar). As you know, this settlement requires Congressional approval. Therefore, we are requesting that you attach this legislation to the Senate Finance Committee bill that are now moving through Congress with a target extended approval date of April 16, 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 the Senior Senator from Idaho, we, as your constituents are counting on you to push forward this legislation for the benefit of all the 500,000 Indian account holders in Indian country, including 2500 account holders who live in Fort Hall, Idaho. While tribal governments are not party to this lawsuit, we also believe the last 13 years of litigation has negatively impacted tribal-federal relations and we look forward to putting this overdue trust fund mismanagement issue behind us.

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 it first citizens.

The following names and signatures are of the organizations board members.

Respectfully yours,

Ernestine Werelus, Coord/Dir



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Cc: Honorable Byron Dorgan
Chairman, Senate Indian Affairs Committee

Honorable John Barrasso
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