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Dear Chairman Beauty,

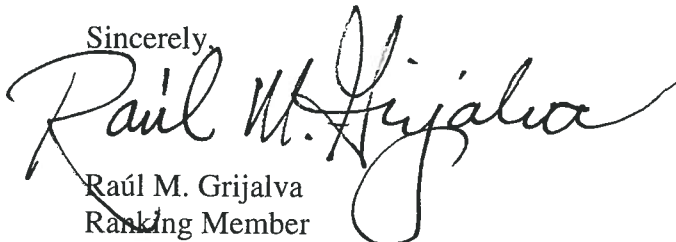
I greatly appreciate the opportunity to speak with you about the Oak Flats protection efforts in repealing section 3003 of the *Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015*. We have had a strong positive working relationship during my years in congress and would not want any unintended slight to impact our positive working relationship.

I regret that within the language of the findings of our bill tribal governments and not the people themselves were referenced without prior consultation. We deeply regret this inclusion by supporting parties, and the lack of verification for the reference of the government of the Yavapai-Apache Nation. There was no insult intended, and I will work to correct this error in the Save Oak Flat Act.

I sincerely hope that my personal apology for this oversight is accepted and helps abate any concerns you have over this aspect of the legislation.

I continue to stand as an ally as we move forward in working to address all issues of concern to Yavapai-Apache Nation.

Sincerely,



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