

July 30, 2010

The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Subject: U.S. endorsement of U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Dear Mr. President:

We, the undersigned investors, are writing to urge the United States Government to endorse the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in a positive manner without qualifications, consistent with international human rights law. We understand that in April 2010, the U.S. Department of State began a review of the United States' position opposing it and began consultations with American Indian and Alaska Native Nations, and others.

The nearly universal adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Declaration) in 2007 by the United Nations General Assembly represents a historic milestone in the evolution of the rights of Indigenous Peoples. We fully expect these rights to be increasingly articulated and adopted both in national and international law. Many of the rights in the Declaration are already being implemented in a number of U.S. federal laws, policies and executive orders.

As investors, we have asked companies that we invest in to lead with proactive policies addressing Indigenous Peoples rights, and rigorous reporting about these policies and practices. We encourage corporations to apply the principles of the Declaration in order to uphold human rights and to mitigate project and reputational risks. However, some companies have said the lack of support by the U.S. makes it harder for them to formally acknowledge the Declaration in their corporate policies.

We therefore believe that it is important for the United States to endorse the Declaration in order to provide federal policy certainty for U.S. corporations that operate in the lands of Indigenous Peoples globally. As investors, we believe that environmental, social and governance issues have a significant impact on long-term financial returns. We expect that companies that respect Indigenous Peoples rights and build good relations with Indigenous Nations will prosper in the long run.

We welcome the opportunity to share our concerns with you and are available for further consultation. If that would be helpful, please contact Steven Heim of Boston Common Asset Management at sheim@bostoncommonasset.com.

Sincerely,

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