

Representative Jared Huffman
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515
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RE: Opposition to H.R. 2538, the Lytton Rancheria Homelands Act of 2015

Dear Representative Huffman,

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
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The Honorable Raul M. Grijalva
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RE: Opposition to H.R. 2538, the Lytton Rancheria Homelands Act of 2015

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The Honorable Mike Thompson
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RE: Opposition to H.R. 2538, the Lytton Rancheria Homelands Act of 2015

Dear Representative Thompson,

Please note there is significant local opposition to H. R. 2538, the Lytton Rancheria Homelands Act of 2015, which you co-sponsored. I strongly oppose this bill that will move land into federal trust and make it exempt from local zoning rules, and request that you remove your name as a co-sponsor.

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The Honorable Don Young
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