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**GARY RINDFLEISCH**  
4121 Rte 90 CAYUGA NY 13034

**FARMER TAX PAYER**

PLEASE TURN DOWN THE CAYUGA NATION'S CAUSE APPLICATION FOR LAND IN TRUSTS. THIS IS APPROVED WOULD CAUSE OUR PROPERTY TAXES + SCHOOL TAXES TO SKYROCKET. WE DON'T WANT CHECKER BOARDING, THEY ONLY WANT THIS GRANTED SO THEY CAN HAVE MORE CASINOS AND TAX EXEMPT CIGARETTE SHOPS. THIS DOESN'T FIT IN TO OUR WAYS AS WE MAKE OUR LIVING BY FARMING, NOT BY DEALING CARDS OR SHOOTING DICE OR FEED VIDEO GAMING, WATER AND SEWER, POLICE PROTECTION FREE OUR COMMUNITY FOR GOOD ROADS, THE BINGO HALL IN UNION SPRINGS IS RIGHT AND ALL OTHER MANDATED SERVICES. YOU CAN SEE STUDENTS GOING TO NEXT TO THE HIGH SCHOOL, AND NUMEROUS TIMES ASK YOU TO TURN DOWN THIS APPLICATION THE HALL TO GAMBLE AND SMOKE. I WOULD PLEASE TURN DOWN THIS APPLICATION AND HELP US KEEP THIS AS ONE NATION UNDER GOD.

THANK YOU Hans Stundl

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Name: STEPHEN Y JEANNE BLAISDELL Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: 2402 LOWER LAKE ROAD SENECA FALLS NY 13148  
Comment: WE ARE A FOURTH GENERATION FAMILY BORN & RAISED WITHIN THE CAYUGA LANDS. FOUR OVER 20 YEARS WE HAVE HAD TO LIVE WITH THE CONSTANT THREAT OF EXCISE AND LOSS OF TAX REVENUE, FURTHER A SMALL COMMUNITY CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE. THE SECOND CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS RULED THAT THE CAYUGA NATION DOES NOT HAVE A VALID CLAIM. NOW THEY ARE TRYING TO OCCUPY THE US JUDICIAL SYSTEM. THE PEOPLE OF THESE COUNTIES DO NOT WANT COSTLY TAX FREE SUELY, CRYSTALHE'S ETC. WHICH HAVE ANY INDEED ADVANTAGE OVER THE PAYING ENTERPRISES. PLEASE DON'T GRANT THE TRUST TO THE CAYUGA NATION AS THE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY WOULD BE DEVASTATING.  
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Name: Robert Brantner Organization: Homeowner  
Address: 15154 Lake St. Cayuga, NY 13034  
Comment: The mere fact that the waiver regarding this and other similar cases have not been resolved via a testimony is not the same as the testimony number directly involved. An overabundance of CLAIMANTS have said we do not have to be and citizens have said we do not have to be

and citizens? Does more blood have to be shed to settle this long dead issue?  
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R.A. Brantner

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Name: Adrienne Burgess Organization: home owner  
Address: 2548 Lower Lake Road  
Comment: The proposed usage is appropriate but my concern is that we will lose taxes (property + sales) that will ensure that the environment (roads, municipal services etc) will be maintained appropriately. We also risk losing school money that will jeopardize our children's future. Finally, I am concerned that the gas stations will be dangerous if not submitting to inspections, that the same is true of food service at these locations. Additionally, the route 89 Seneca Falls facility sells cigarettes to minors which is illegal + very dangerous for our youth.

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Name: Herry Clore Jr Organization: Self  
Address: 48 East Wright Ave, Waterloo, NY 13165  
Comment:

This small county cannot afford to lose one more land to anyone. This is ONE Nation under GOD not several as some individuals and politicians would like. This is not eighteen hundred. These Cayuga Indians have been compensated over the last hundred years and are not entitled to any land in Seneca or Cayuga counties.  
We need gasohol that buys our country not more Top money not cell toy free gasoline and cigarettes for one that free business or other gaming that don't pay local and state taxes.

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Name: Tim + Barb Courtright Organization: CITIZEN OF THE USA  
Address: 2890 LOWER LAKE RD, SENECA FALLS, NY 13148  
Comment: THE CITIZENS OF SENECA COUNTY HAVE BEEN EXTREME STRESS FOR 20 YEARS FOR FEAR OF LOSING THEIR LAND TO THESE SO CALLED INDIAN LAND CLAIMS. IF YOUR JOB OR BIA ALLOWS THE INDIANS A TRUST YOU WILL START A PRECEDENT THAT MAY GROW AND FASTER INTO SOMETHING YOU WILL BE SORRY FOR STARTING IN YOUR FUTURE. THIS DECISION AFFECTS EVERYONE ACROSS THE UNITED STATES. IT COULD AFFECT YOUR PROPERTY THAT YOU OWN.  
THE INDIANS THAT HAVE CAUSED THIS PROBLEM ARE FEW IN NUMBERS AND DO NOT REPRESENT THE TRIBES AS A WHOLE. THEY ARE ONLY GREEDY FOR MONEY AND COULD CARE LESS ABOUT THE ACTUAL LAND. THEY HURT COMMUNITIES, THEY DON'T PAY TAXES AND ARE NOT A FAIR PLAYER IN BUSINESS. NO TRUST FOR LAND. ONE NATION UNDER GOD!!  
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Name: John C. Felthus Organization: landowner  
Address: 4301 Rt 89 Seneca Falls, N.Y. 13148  
Comment:

I cannot believe that the BIA a  
bureaucracy within the Dept of Interior  
can undo what the Supreme Court obviously  
intended in their recent decision. Our  
government has abdicated its job of  
representing us society's most economic  
advantage based on liberty. This country  
cannot survive like that. My family got  
run off it's farm in Wisconsin in  
1820 in a religious war. I have  
no recourse and don't expect any. The  
nation is all we can have

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Name: Cindy Gale Organization: Nave  
Address: 6549 State Route 90 N  
Comment:

This is out right injustice to put land in trust to have land tax free to a Super citizen Group of Cayuga INDIANS means no more than being a government welfare group sucking off the tax payers of this country.

All Casinos do on trust land is a Cancer to this Country and Community. In Addition to gambling bankruptcies, divorce, drug trafficking, etc crimes.

IT ALSO ~~ALL~~ ALLOWS INDIANS TO BUY UP MORE LAND TO TAKE OF TAX ROLLS. THE DENIAL OF LOCAL AND STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS - GOD HELP US - NO LAND IN TRUST

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Name: SUSAN M. HAAG Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: 112 Cayuga St., Union Springs, NY 13160  
Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

I am adamantly opposed to a land trust. It is insane to allow a group call themselves a "nation" to be able to follow its own laws, not pay taxes and still get services paid for by others. Interruption of established communities, erosion of tax bases, and potential of increased crime (drugs, wildlife, fugitives) which can not be adjudicated in US courts. Not saying gas & cigarettes needed the state's interests in both reducing smoke & gas consumption. Fundamentally, giving one group "super status" over another can not work in an established community.

Additionally, I teach at Union Springs High School. My students please give to attendant, drop in written comment box, or mail to: Franklin Keel, Regional Director, Eastern Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 545 Marriott Drive, Suite 700, Nashville TN 37214. →

purchase tobacco products next door to the Lakeside Trading store.  
The largest parcel borders school / fire dept. property. Failure to  
enforce state laws has hurt my students.

Please, deny this and any further attempts  
to claim our lands.

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Name: Tim Holbrook Organization: NONE  
Address: P.O. Box 61, 112 Cayuga St., Union Springs, N.Y. 13160  
Comment:

Placing this land into trust is not necessary for the Cayuga Nation to benefit from their ownership. In fact, placing the land in the trust would create a distinct and separate entity. The local communities have developed a character and culture supported by the local municipalities. Sharing the financial responsibilities of the infrastructure that supports all the communities further joins the individuals living in the area. Creating a trust undermines the society that has developed over two centuries. I implore you not to grant this request as the communities that exist now will be threatened and undermined. It is essential to consider the potential impact of further requests for additions to the initial parcels which are a checkerboard through Seneca and Cayuga counties.

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Name: Philip Knapp Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: 5150 Kings Corners Rd. Romulus, N.Y. 14541  
Comment: I was born in Seneca County. I've lived here all my life. (59 years) I was born with no money or land and by my wife and I became established by working and being a good citizen. We have paid our taxes and benefits of living in the United States of America. I believe that all who live in our country should pay their fair share. Hard work is the path to land ownership. The US Government should not give special rights to any group of people. The Reservation System is a failed system and should be scrapped forever. I'm tired of paying taxes for everyone else.

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Name: Charles "ford" Knight

Organization:

Address: P.O. Box 328, 3791 Gentry Ln, Seneca Falls NY 13148-0328

Comment:

I used to think that the only way to resolve this issue was to agree to a settlement with various Indian entities. But I now realize that the impact on the area tree group will have a worse environmental impact. I think that the Bureau of Indian Affairs would grant the Cayuga request is the way to go.

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Name: Jean H Morris Organization: Resident Seneca Falls  
Address: 129 W Bayard St Seneca Falls NY 13148

Comment: to quote the handout given at the Scoping Meeting: "Land sold in Trust ensures the Cultural Preservation, self expression and identity of the Cayuga Indian Nation"

We have seen no interest shown in cultural preservation, expression and identity in any gas station and gaming enterprises. Self determination seems to embody not adhering to established laws followed by the residents of NY. I give no idea of the economic status of current tribe members - as never mentioned. They have survived 200 yrs.

All have no way of knowing that "no new development is proposed on the subject property" in a 1/2 mile radius. Post agreement is proposed checkbooking is certainly an avenue to preparing for further acquisition.

The true situation is crucial. Small Counties and Towns are  
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all ready suffering under government mandates that offer no funding - we, too, have limited resources and find our self sufficiency and economic independence in danger.

I would urge the consideration of history. The Cayugas were a defeated enemy in the 1700's. The land in the area was given to colonial soldiers in recompense for their service. Not all Indian tribes have been treated in the same way. This was no "land of tears". Also this land was originally taken from other tribes.

I'm sure you can understand the areas frustration and disappointment in the government we support not being concerned with our issues but with a 200 yr old issue which was agreeable to all parties at the time. Only retrospect has changed the attitude. Would treason through the courts ~~is~~ now being "handed-off" to a Bureau neither chosen nor elected by the people.

We have no opposition to Native Americans as an ethnic issue. We want the one nation envisioned by the founding fathers and secured through the Civil War. History shows only too clearly what happens to countries who divide themselves creating such pockets of hostility, not assimilation. All of this is being done under the guise of "fairness".

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Name: LLOYD O'HARA Organization: (PERSONAL)

Address: 1274 A-S TOWNLINE RD, AUBURN NY 13021

Comment:

I OPERATE 4 RETAIL BUSINESSES IN CAYUGA COUNTY. WE HAVE 48 EMPLOYEES,  
SEVERAL HUNDRED CUSTOMERS, AND A FAMILY HERE.

AT THE PUBLIC MEETING YOU WITNESSED THE HOSTILITY AGAINST THE IDEA  
OF ALLOWING A GROUP OF AMERICAN INDIANS TO HAVE A DEGREE OF SOVEREIGNTY  
AND NOT BEING REQUIRED TO ABIDE BY THE LOCAL STATE LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND TAXES.


IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS LOCALLY THE HOSTILITY IS MUCH GREATER AND  
I FEAR THAT VIOLENCE WILL BREAK OUT IF THIS APPLICATION IS ACCEPTED.

I FEEL THIS WOULD CREATE AN UNSAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR  
EMPLOYEES, CUSTOMERS, AND MY FAMILY.

FOR THIS REASON, I RECOMMEND THE APPLICATION BE DENIED.

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Name: John Raweier Organization: Self & UCC  
Address: 6549 State Route 90 N  
Comment:

The Cayuga Nation sold their land, fought against the United States  
not one but twice, they are not originally from New York  
they migrated from the South.  
The Federal Government has no right to interfere with  
trust land when contracts not treaties were  
made with the state and the 13 original states.

This is America - it is what it is because  
of tax dollars NOT land in trust AND lack of taxes

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TAX PAYER  
LAND OWNER

Organization: FARMER

Name: WILLIAM H RINDLEISEL

Address: 5342 RR 90 N CAUGER, N.Y. 13034

Comment: Please turn down Cayuga Indian Nation land trust application as it would have negative results on our area property tax and be unfair for our land owners as it is now our property tax and mandated part of living are beyond control I don't have anything against the nation if they pay all taxes and abide with the rules of the state and federal governments. I have lived with our laws and paid my way and would respect them during the same. We make our living by hard work and not by taxing dies or pulling video machine handles. Please turn down this application as it has no means of helping and harming it not the way to go.

Thank You  
William H. Rindleisel

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