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LETTER BY EMAIL/FAX

The Honorable John McCain
The Honorable Bryon L. Dorgan
Senate Indian Affairs Committee
Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

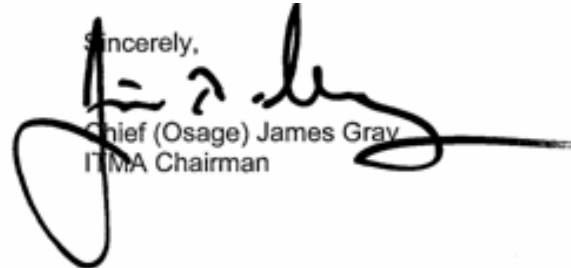
Dear Chairman McCain and Vice Chairman Dorgan:

Throughout 2005, ITMA worked closely with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and the *Cobell* Plaintiff Attorneys in a National Trust Reform and *Cobell* Settlement Workgroup to discuss the Indian Trust Reform Act of 2005 (S. 1439/HR 4322), and developed a set of recommendations to inform the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA) in its deliberations on this important legislation. This Trust Workgroup met on several occasions to discuss the specifics of the legislation. On January 19-20, 2006, ITMA held a general membership meeting in Albuquerque, NM and obtained additional comments from our member Tribes. The following is a summary of the workgroup's recommended changes and additional input from the ITMA members, and reflects our current understanding and recommendations of the legislation.

This document is intended only as a draft subject to further discussion and revisions as Tribes and Tribal organizations continue to provide input, and as we keep abreast of continuing discussions among the Committee staff, Cobell plaintiffs, and the Administration.

Following the Senate Indian Affairs Committee (SCIA) and the House Resources Committee (HRC) joint oversight hearing on March 1, 2006 on "Resources on the Settlement of *Cobell v. Norton*", ITMA will provide comments on Title I.

Sincerely,



Chief (Osage) James Gray
ITMA Chairman

cc: ITMA Board of Directors
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