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The Honorable Raul Grijalva

House Natural Resources Committee

1324 Longworth House Office Building

Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Grijalva:

I’m writing to urge you to take swift action in this 116th Congress to pass H.R. 312, the Mashpee Wampanoag Reservation Reaffirmation Act. As you know, on September 7, 2018 the Department of the Interior issued a decision that opens the door for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe’s reservation to be taken out of trust and disestablished. This would be the first time since the dark days of the termination era that the United States acts to disestablish an Indian reservation and make a Tribe landless.

H.R. 312 is a bipartisan bill that reaffirms the status of Mashpee's reservation and that has widespread support from local communities surrounding the reservation and Indian country. Passage of H.R. 312 in this 116th Congress is crucial to preventing Interior from disestablishing the Tribe's reservation.

I feel strongly that Congress must act to pass H.R. 312 immediately!

Sincerely,

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