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Mr. Alan Russell
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Dear Mr. Russell:

In accordance with Part 83 of Title 25 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (25 CFR Part 83) § 83.25, the Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) is writing to notify you that on June 30, 2023, OFA will begin active consideration of Petition #401, the petition belonging to a group known as Schaghticoke Indian Tribe.

As Director of OFA, I will be the administrative contact person for this petition and supervisor for the OFA researchers conducting the evaluation. The researchers for this petition will be Kimberley Cook (cultural anthropologist), Nicole Gilkison LaRue (genealogist), and Francis Flavin (historian).

Should you have any questions or require further clarification, then please do not hesitate to reach out by phone at (202) 513-7650, or by email at Lee.Fleming@bia.gov. Feel free to contact the OFA at the following address:

Department of the Interior
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Thank you for your interest in Indian Affairs. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment

cc: § 83.22(d) Parties: Consultant of Record
Governor of Connecticut
Attorney General of Connecticut
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