[Sample F] [LETTER REQUESTING FIRST TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REVIEW]

Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs Attn: Office of Federal Acknowledgment Mailstop MS-34B-SIB 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs:

We, the members of the governing body of [NAME OF PETITIONING GROUP], through this letter, request our first technical assistance review for petition # [PETITION NUMBER OF THE PETITIONING GROUP].

Under Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 83, *Procedures for Establishing That an American Indian Group Exists as an Indian Tribe*, at § 83.10(c)(1):

If the petitioner requests that the materials submitted in response to the technical assistance review letter be again reviewed for adequacy, the Assistant Secretary will provide the additional review. However, this additional review will not be automatic and will be conducted only at the request of the petitioner.

We understand that the regulations also state that "technical assistance will be conducted in the order of receipt of documented petitions" and that "technical assistance reviews will not have priority over active consideration of documented petitions."

Sincerely,

[NAME OF ELECTED OFFICIAL] [Position title: print name]

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