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## PIQUA SHAWNEE TRIBE

3412 Wellford Circle, Birmingham, Alabama 35226-2626

30 January 2010

To whom it may concern:

We consider the large earthen mound on the property known as "Indian Mound", Urbana/ East, OH Quad, located on the Northeast corner of section 6 of Urbana Twp., Champaign County, to be a sacred site of the Piqua Shawnee tribe, regardless of whether or not it is determined to be an archeological site eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

We are requesting that if federal funds or federal permits are used for construction that this site is protected and the Piqua Shawnee is accommodated with access to this site, which is sacred to the Piqua Shawnee tribe.

We ask an accommodation of access to and ceremonial use of this sacred site by our tribal religious practitioners and avoidance of any activity, which may adversely affect the physical integrity of this sacred site. We also ask all of the agencies concerned to maintain the confidentiality of this sacred site. We are asking for site access and protection of the site, in order to protect and preserve our tribal religious practices.

It is important to note that we are not asking for access and protection of all of the "Indian Mound" land, but a discrete, narrowly delineated location that has determined to be representative of the Piqua Shawnee religion as sacred by virtue of its established religious significance to, and ceremonially used our tribe for religious purposes.

The purpose of this letter is to inform the agencies involved in the potential destruction of the existence of our sacred site to ensure reasonable notice is provided of proposed actions or land management policies that may restrict future access to or ceremonial use of, or adversely affect the physical integrity of, our sacred site.

We also request that we are notified of any changes necessary to accommodate access to and ceremonial use of this sacred site, any changes necessary to avoid adversely affecting the physical integrity of our sacred site, and procedures be implemented or proposed to facilitate consultation with our tribal and religious leaders and the expeditious resolution of disputes relating to any agency action that may adversely affect access to, ceremonial use of, or the physical integrity of our sacred site. Sincerely,

Gary Hunt  
Principal Chief  
Piqua Shawnee Tribe

CC:

Congressman Jim Jordan  
Governor of Ohio Ted Strickland  
Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray  
Ohio Historic Preservation Office Dr. David Snyder  
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