

Testimony of landowners and residents of private lands immediately adjacent to the lands in H.R. 6032 proposed to be held in trust for the benefit of the Karuk Tribe

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Representative Teresa Leger Fernández, Chair
Subcommittee For Indigenous Peoples Of The United States
House Natural Resources Committee
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Jay Obernolte, Acting Ranking Member
Subcommittee For Indigenous Peoples Of The United States
House Natural Resources Committee
1329 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Adjacent private landowners support Katimiîn and Aameekyáaraam Sacred Lands Act (H.R. 6032)

Dear Chair Leger Fernández and Acting Ranking Member Obernolte,

As owners and residents of private land adjacent to the confluence of the Klamath and Salmon rivers, we write to express our support for the prompt passage of the Katimiîn and Aameekyáaraam Sacred Lands Act (H.R. 6032).

The Act would return approximately 1,031 acres of sacred land to the Karuk Tribe via a trust held by the Department of Interior. This includes the confluence of the Klamath and Salmon rivers and nearby areas where the tribe has conducted its World Renewal Ceremonies since time immemorial. The Tribe and its ongoing relationship with this land and its rivers are part of the fabric of our local community and we believe that it is right, just, and beneficial to the public for the Tribe to be able to steward its most sacred land and to be included in the Forest Service's management of the two rivers that flow through it.

Please move this bill through the Subcommittee and on to the House for a vote to re-establish the Karuk Tribe as the steward of their most sacred lands.

Sincerely,

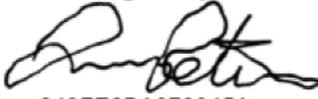


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