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Navajo Nation Attorney General Office
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Dear Harrison Tsosie, Attorney General:

I am requesting an update on Thursday October 30th at the NHLC meeting by the Department of Justice about options for legal assistance regarding the Navajo families who are getting livestock impounded in who live in Hopi Partitioned Lands. This morning another family (Bahe Begay) was getting their livestock impounded and two of the children of Bahe Begay were arrested. I am having the NHLC resolution passed that requests of Hopi to honor the Accommodation Agreement by increasing sheep units up 2800 and grazing in additional range units forwarded to you. **One.** I think the Navajo Nation will need to file in Federal District Court on behalf of the families to request Hopi to abide by the Accommodation Agreement. **Two.** the families also request Navajo lands be identified for the families take their livestock for grazing until matter is resolved. **Three,** please provide the contact information for the firm in Denver that worked on the Accommodation Agreement appeal. Thank you in advance for your immediate response in this matter!

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October 24, 2014

Mr. Herman Honanie, Chairman
The Hopi Tribe
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Kykotsmovi, Arizona 86039

Dear Chairman Honanie,

The Navajo Hopi Land Commission Office (NHLCO) has been notified by residents, newspaper reporters, activists, U.S. Department of Justice and social media that the Hopi Tribe has impounded livestock of two Navajo HPL residents' livestock during the week of October 13, 2014. Consequences of the impoundments is of opt most concerns to the NHLCO. As you know any situation that happens on the HPL is volatile that has a potential to develop into greater issues and traumatize livestock owners.

The (NHLCO) is aware of the livestock tally count that have occurred in August – September 2014 and that the Hopi Tribe served notices to livestock owners that livestock in excess of permitted may be subject to impoundment.

To avoid creating a situation that will harm both tribes and the HPL residents, NHLCO requests that the Hopi Tribe cease and desist from further impoundment activities and allow NHLCO an opportunity to confer with the residents to request they remove their livestock in excess of permitted from the HPL. The grace period is recommended for ten (10) days from notice of approval.

We believe that the procedure will diminish any potential traumatic situations associated with livestock impoundments being imposed on the resident livestock owners.

We make this request in the spirit of cooperation. Please contact me at (928) 871-6441 if there are any questions on the request.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Raymond Maxx in black ink.

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