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Hopi Tribal Council:

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THE HOPI TRIBE

We find it our duty, as sponsors of Action Item H-065-2012, to file this complaint against Hopi Tribal Chairman LeRoy N. Shingoitewa for gross dereliction of his duties as presiding officer of the Hopi Tribal Council and misrepresentation of the official position of the Hopi Tribe concerning Senate Bill 2109, *Navajo-Hopi Little Colorado River Water Rights Settlement Act of 2012*.

We are extremely disappointed that Shingoitewa purposely has not signed, or refused to sign, the resolution enacted by the Hopi Tribal Council on June 15, 2012, at the Hotevilla Elderly Center to reject Senate Bill 2109. The Action Item endorsed by us as former elected tribal officials, supported by our villages, tribal leaders and tribal members; and sponsored by Vice Chairman Herman Honanie, was formally approved by the Hopi Tribal Council at a duly held tribal council meeting on June 15, 2012, at the Hotevilla Elderly Center.

You will recall a motion was made by Vice Chairman Herman Honanie and seconded by Representative Rebecca Masayesva to act on Action Item H-065-2012. The Action Item was approved by a majority vote of 11 for, 4 opposed, and 0 abstentions. Shingoitewa announced the official result of the passage of the motion and pounded his gavel indicating official result of the vote of the tribal council.

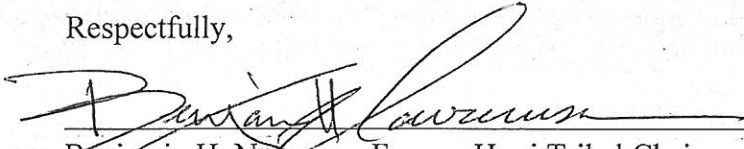
By this vote, the Hopi Tribal Council officially rejected Senate Bill 2109 in its entirety, and along with it, it rejected the Settlement Agreement. Over 100 tribal members were in attendance and witnessed this very important and historic vote. Yet, Shingoitewa deliberately and purposely chose not to sign the duly enacted resolution, No. H-072-2012. By his inaction and his refusal to sign a duly enacted tribal council resolution, he is now in serious breach of his duty as presiding officer and in violation of the tribal law established by passage of Resolution H-072-2012. He is also in serious violation of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Hopi Tribe, the very constitution he took an oath to honor and abide by.

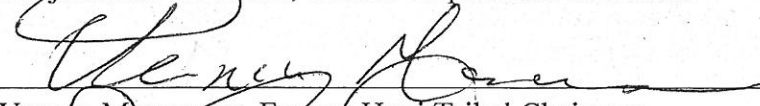
Instead of signing the resolution passed on June 15, 2012, Shingoitewa used subversive means to portray the wrong message that the Hopi Tribe approved Senate Bill 2109. Instead, he promptly signed a tribal council resolution that the Hopi Tribal Council enacted on June 21, 2012, at an illegally held tribal council meeting to address Action Item H-053-2012, sponsored by George Mase, Chairman of the Water & Energy Team. It has been reported that copies of this signed Resolution H-073-2012 have already been distributed to Hopi tribal offices and to the Department of the Interior officials (copy attached). This action by Shingoitewa is a gross misrepresentation of the official action of the Hopi Tribal Council.

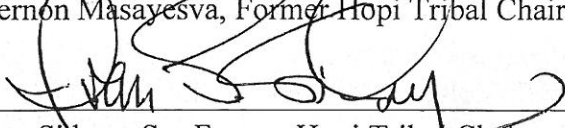
The Hopi and Tewa people have lost complete faith and trust in Shingoitewa. Shingoitewa continues to disrespect the inherent sovereign powers of our villages and the voice of tribal members. He defied and deliberately violated tribal law established by passage of Resolution H-072-2012. We expect you to do what is right and carry out your constitutionally mandated duties and take immediate and appropriate action against Shingoitewa.

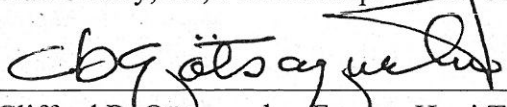
We also expect the Hopi Tribal Council to immediately correct the misinformation being disseminated and portrayed by Shingoitewa, George Mase, and tribal attorneys by issuing a formal public statement that the Hopi Tribe rejected Senate Bill 2109. Finally, we expect the Hopi Tribal Council to prohibit any member of the Hopi Water & Energy Team and tribal attorneys from any further negotiations of Senate Bill 2109; and take appropriate disciplinary action against those who purposely disobey Tribal Council Resolution, No. H-072-2012, passed on June 15, 2012.

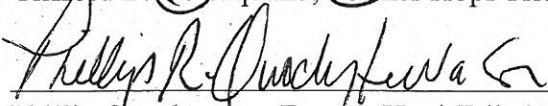
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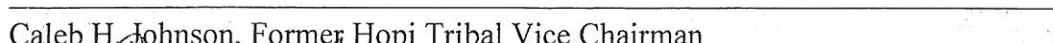

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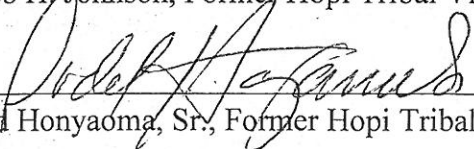

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