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Ms. Elizabeth Appel
Office of Regulatory Affairs & Collaborative Action
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street N.W.
MS 41141
Washington, D.C. 20240

Re: **"1076-AF18" Muscogee Creek Indian Freedmen Band, Petitioner 335**

Dear Acting Director Appel:

This letter is in response to the posting in the Federal register dated June 27, 2013, Procedures for Establishing That an American Indian Group Exists as an Indian Tribe.

This preliminary discussion draft of potential revisions for public review is not discussion. It is undisputed to the Muscogee Creek Indian Freedmen Band, these changes are only to maintain the control, not the integrity of the acknowledgment decisions of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

It is so capricious for the Bureau to change the rules midstream, while holding to new revised rules which all petitioners will be held to regardless of filing date. Muscogee Creek Indian Freedmen Band filed January 2012, but will be held to these proposed new rules, a year and ½ later. Why?

In reading the proposed rules, all proposed rule changes bestow power upon the Office of Federal Acknowledgment ("OFA") while eliminating due process and any appeal for Petitioners.

In accordance with the register rules, **MCIFB is requesting that the comment period for discussion be extended an additional sixty days from the proposed August 16, 2013 comment date.** It appears that not all tribes were allowed participation, or even informed of the proposed discussions, related under Supplementary information of page 38617, column 3 of the Federal Register.

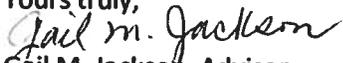
Finally, the input meetings are divided between current federally recognized Tribes and the Public. These rules are of no threat to current federally recognized tribes, especially those having gaming businesses. These proposed meetings should not be closed to the public. Where is this authority to not include the public for all sessions? And, where is this authority to divide the meetings between the

tribes and public? As a current Petitioner, are we considered the public ? The proposed afternoon sessions for the public will be cut short for lack of time, which has been the case before. Public input will be minimal because notification and publication will be limited and minimal.

Please entertain our request for additional time for comments.

On behalf of the Muscogee Creek Indian Freedmen Band, #335

Yours truly,


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