



COALITION OF LARGE TRIBES

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Resolution: 08-16-2026 #5

Resolution of COLT Opposition of Section 1091(b), Subtitle G, Title X, in S. 4784, FY27 National Defense Authorization Act

WHEREAS, the Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT) was formally established in early April 2011, and is comprised of Tribes with large land base, including the Blackfeet Nation, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation of Oregon, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Crow Nation, Eastern Shoshone Tribe, Fort Belknap Indian Community, Hopi Tribe, Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation, Mescalero Apache Tribe, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Navajo Nation, Northern Arapaho Tribe, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, San Carlos Apache Tribe, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, Spirit Lake Nation, Spokane Tribe, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and Walker River Paiute Tribe, and is Chaired by J. Garret Renville of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation, South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, COLT was organized to provide a unified advocacy base on all issues affecting tribes that govern large trust land bases and that strive to ensure the most beneficial use of those lands for tribes and individual Indian landowners; and

WHEREAS, COLT member tribes are unified to promote our sovereign rights to protect, enhance, control, utilize, and develop our respective land bases; and

WHEREAS, COLT seeks to educate the United States Congress, Executive Administration, the public and other tribes regarding the unique issues impacting tribes that govern large land bases; and

WHEREAS, COLT further advocates for legislative, regulatory, and policy reforms that impact large land base tribes; and

WHEREAS, Under Article VI of the U.S. Constitution, treaties are the “supreme Law of the Land”; and

WHEREAS, Section 1091(b), Subtitle G, Title X, in S. 4784, FY27 National Defense Authorization Act (Section 1091(b)) would ratify an illegal land exchange of public lands ceded by the Shoshone-



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Bannock Tribes’ in 1898 and enacted into law in 1900 so that the J.R. Simplot Company can expand its Superfund site listed on EPA’s National Priority List since 1990; and

WHEREAS, Section 1091 (b) states: “Ratification of Actions of the Secretary of the Interior - Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the actions of the Secretary of the Interior in the approval and issuance of land patent No. 11-2021-0002 pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) are reaffirmed and ratified.”; and

WHEREAS, Approval of Section 1091(b) would abrogate the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes’ treaty rights and circumvent court rulings that the transfer would violate an 1898 cessation agreement enacted into law in 1900 (1900 ACT) in which the Tribes ceded a significant portion of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, but continued to retain Treaty rights on those lands; and

WHEREAS, The 1900 Act set forth specific conditions under which the Tribes’ Ceded Lands could be conveyed. Applying the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) to expand a Superfund site is not one of those conditions, and the Ninth Circuit held definitively that FLPMA does not repeal or supersede the 1900 Act; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that COLT formally opposes Section 1091(b), Subtitle G, Title X, in S. 4784, in the FY27 National Defense Authorization Act and any other legislation ratifying the land exchange; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that passage of Section 1091(b) would set a dangerous precedent opening the door to abrogate Treaty rights of other tribes with Treaties and cession agreements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that COLT requests that Section 1091(b) be struck from the FY27 NDAA and removed from consideration for inclusion in any subsequent legislation; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be the policy of the Coalition of Large Tribes until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.



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CERTIFICATION

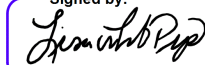
This resolution was approved at a duly-called meeting of the Coalition of Large Tribes held at the Southwestern Association for Indian Art in Santa Fe, New Mexico on August 16, 2026, at which a quorum was present, with the resolution approved unanimously.

Attest:

Signed by:

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J. Garret Renville, Chairman, Coalition of Large Tribes

Signed by:

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Lisa White Pipe, Secretary / Treasurer, Coalition of Large Tribes