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10 CHAIRPERSON JAMES:

11 John Minehan?

12 MR. GREENE: Larry Greene.

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14 MR. GREENE: Larry Greene, from Preston,  
15 Connecticut.

16 After 15 years, this public hearing is,  
17 disgracefully, the first semblance of due process  
18 available for citizen response to the recognition and  
19 gambling privileges of Indians in Connecticut.

20 The Commission's magical mystery tour of  
21 Foxwoods yesterday left little doubt whether you too  
22 have joined the ranks of government officials from  
23 local town halls to the White House to be compromised  
24 by the lure of Indian casino cash. Your priorities

1 humiliate the communities suffering unprecedented  
2 levels of death and destruction due to compulsive  
3 gambling, traffic, and crime generated by the Indian  
4 casinos.

5 Casino cash influences politicians to annex  
6 land, away from the governing powers belonging to the  
7 people. Government officials in collusion with  
8 unsavory casino interests undermine the sovereign  
9 inalienable rights of people to pursue happiness and to  
10 be safe. Exchanging these rights for extortion,  
11 bribes, such as political campaign contributions and  
12 the monopolistic state and tribal slot machine compact.

13 The BIA turned down the Mashantucket  
14 Pequot's recognition request about eight times because  
15 there is no genealogical evidence. Yet in 1983,  
16 Connecticut Senators Chris Dodd and Lowell Weicker and  
17 representative Sam Gageson worked hard overriding a  
18 presidential veto, to pass legislation giving the tribe  
19 federal recognition. The effort was not to protect  
20 Indian culture, it's non-existent, the effort was to  
21 expand gambling in Connecticut, period.

22 As an individual, I see Indian recognition  
23 as morally corrupt racism. As an American, I see  
24 Indian recognition as violating many mandates in the

1 United States Constitution, such as the 14th Amendment  
2 guarantee of equal protection of the laws.

3           Also, when a group of American citizens  
4 joined together in an effort to do away with the  
5 established government, as the Pequots have, that is an  
6 insurrection. The traffic and crime and social impacts  
7 deriving from that insurrection can be defined as an  
8 invasion. When agents of government aid and abet  
9 insurrections and invasions that is defined as treason.

10           This Commission must immediately call upon  
11 Congress to uphold the United States Constitution.

12           I've also been the spokesperson of the  
13 Preston Residents Against Annexation for the past four  
14 years. I have plenty of material and I can answer  
15 probably just about any question you would bring forth.

16           CHAIRPERSON JAMES: I would encourage you  
17 to submit anything that you would like to the  
18 Commission and we'd be happy to consider that as we go  
19 through our review process. Thank you.

20           MR. GREENE: If you ever do come this way  
21 again, please do stop down and see us.