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Mr. Allen Yazzi, Chairman
Hopi and Navajo Negotiating Committee
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

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Dear Mr. Yazzi:

For the many years we have lived here on the Executive Order of 1882, there has been much of indecisions on our part toward a direction of social progress due to restrictions enacted by both the Federal Government and the two tribes of Indians on joint land use agreements established.

These restrictions have existed for many years so we feel that the social, educational and economical essentialities to self development have been denied to a certain extent. Contrary to this, only a apathetic attitude has developed insted of aggressiveness.

In order to meet the challenges of social improvement in the admists of a highly complex developed society, gre requesting the removal of such restrictions on joint land uses as soon as possible or that other provisions be effected. Only then can we pursue our social, educational, and economic improvements at free will.

The ares of improvements we have waited for are as follows:

1. Construction of a modern school and its facilities and utilities and other technical training centers for the young people at Pinon.
2. Construction of better roads in the area for educational and resource purposes. Improvements of communications and continuations of Highway construction.
3. Improvements in domestic water development for the educational and public purposes.
4. Improvement of the medical center creating adequate Health facilities for the educational and public services.
5. Improvement of public sanitations. Open legoons too near to public and school locations, is a menace to, public health and safety. Enlarged waste treatment facilities is needed

The community is in dire need of a modern school plant. Its facilities and utilities. ihe school was built many, many years ago and is now presumed to be very weak instructure. iherefore a new one is considered, so our means of educational facilities at Pinon can be negotiated in the area as a school and not to be in the public eye as a historic site of some kind. many times we have been and are disappointed because of restrictive regulations adopted, hindering the establishment any new educational or economical developments in the controverted area. But observe and understand our need of education nearer home for our children and other technical training for our young people who are lacking and are deprived of many opportunities concerned with the future. we want to emphsize our desire for education and the acquiring its beneficial aspects, so we can participate in the complex challenges of today.

The philosophy of the community, at chapter level, urges all its Navajo Tribal Leadedes and Department Heads of different branches involved in BIA, Navajo Tribe, USPHS, and others to help support and promote our ~~signers~~ sincere recommendations to the supreme authorities in Washington, D.C; through proper channels, in considerations of our educational, economic and social aspects for now and the future.

We, the community are under-educated, under-developed and deprived of any future opportunities or privileges to use this land because we are bound by such "joint use" restrictions.

Our efforts to assist the committee in resolving some of the problems will be forth let. Your considerations of our long waited wishes will be greatly appreciated.

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