

September 9, 2004

**OPPOSE THE HAYWORTH/BOEHNER
AMENDMENT**

**SUPPORT A PERMANENT LEGISLATIVE
SOLUTION THAT
HONORS TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY**

Dear Colleague:

As longstanding advocates for protecting the sovereign rights of tribes, we urge you to oppose the Hayworth/Boehner amendment that provides only a temporary legislative response to a federal administrative ruling and undermines the ongoing and sincere negotiations between sovereign Indian tribes and labor representatives.

We initiated the negotiation process upon learning of the recent administrative ruling by the National Labor Relations Board which determined that it had jurisdiction to regulate labor practices of tribal enterprises on Indian land. The purpose of these negotiations is to find a permanent legislative solution that supports tribal sovereignty and workers' rights. If passed, the Hayworth/Boehner amendment will surely have a negative effect on this ongoing effort.

The Hayworth/Boehner rider to the Labor, HHS Appropriations bill is ill-timed and unnecessarily divisive. We urge all those who support Indian tribal sovereignty and workers' rights to vote against this amendment and help us work towards a permanent solution to this issue. This amendment has never had a hearing, has not been introduced as a free-standing measure in this form, and has not been able to move through the committee that has jurisdiction over this issue.

We are proud of our combined 85 years in Congress protecting and supporting Indian tribal sovereignty—on this, we take a back seat to no one. That is why we urge you to vote no on the Hayworth/Boehner amendment and support a permanent solution to this important matter.

Sincerely,

George Miller
Ranking Democrat
Committee on Education and the Workforce

Nick J. Rahall, II
Ranking Democrat
Resources Committee

Dale E. Kildee
Member of Congress

**VOTE NO ON THE HAYWORTH/BOEHNER AMENDMENT
AND SUPPORT A PERMANENT SOLUTION**