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**VIA CERTIFIED U.S. MAIL**

Dora Van  
Affiliated Ute Citizens  
P.O. Box 787  
Fort Duchesne, UT 84026

Re: Affiliate Ute Citizens Website

Dear Ms. Van:

This law firm represents the Ute Distribution Corporation. It has come to our attention that the Affiliated Ute Citizens has placed a website on the internet which contains, among other things, a lengthy statement as to the alleged "history" of the AUC. A copy of the contents of the website, which we printed from the internet, is attached to this letter.

This letter is a demand that the AUC cease and desist from publishing the false and defamatory statements about the UDC and its present and former directors that are contained in the alleged history posted on the AUC website. The posted history can reasonably be read to state that the UDC and its directors have committed larceny, embezzlement, corruption, and fraud, all of which are false and *per se* defamation and/or libel. The UDC protests the AUC's publishing such false and defamatory/libelous statements about it and its directors. The UDC also protests the AUC's publishing false and defamatory statements about government officials as they relate to the UDC.

**We demand that within two days of receiving this letter, you and the AUC remove all parts of the AUC website that contain libelous and defamatory statements about the UDC and/or its directors, as well as libelous and defamatory statements about government officials as they relate to the UDC. If you fail to do so, you are advised that the UDC will take whatever further action it believes to be appropriate.**

It also appears from the AUC's website and the alleged history that the AUC intends, upon application, to issue "enrollment cards" to the original 490 mixed-bloods and what the AUC contends are "each eligible individual member of your family, including children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren." Based on the commentary in the AUC history, it appears that these cards will identify the cardholder as a member of the Ute Indian Tribe. The UDC does not believe that this is in accord with applicable law. The Department of Interior issues identification cards to mixed-bloods which state their status, and which they may use for hunting, fishing, and other purposes related to the Tribal rights/assets to which they are entitled. In light of this, we can only assume that the AUC wishes to embroil these mixed-bloods and their heirs in confrontations with the Tribe and/or government, with blame to then be placed on the UDC. We therefore will provide counsel for the Ute Indian Tribe, as well as the Superintendent of the Uintah and Ouray Agency, with printed information from your website about the identification cards, and a statement that the UDC does not sanction or approve of these cards, and has nothing to do with their issuance.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment

cc: Tom Fredericks (w/o attachment)  
Daniel Picard (w/o attachment)  
Ute Distribution Corporation (w/attachment )