

No. 11-5205

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

ELOUISE PEPION COBELL, *et al.*,
Plaintiffs-Appellees,

KIMBERLY CRAVEN,
Objector-Appellant,

v.

KENNETH LEE SALAZAR, *et al.*,
Defendants-Appellees.

PLAINTIFFS' RESPONSE TO MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE COUNSEL

Objector-Appellant Kimberly Craven did not consult with Plaintiffs before filing this motion to substitute counsel. Plaintiffs do not oppose substitution of counsel, provided that the substitution does not further delay issuance of the mandate in this appeal.

This appeal concerns a \$3.4 billion settlement between a class of 500,000 Individual Indian Trust beneficiaries and the United States government. Under the terms of the settlement, the government is not obligated to pay the settlement funds until all appeals are exhausted. Thus, each day that final resolution of this appeal is delayed, class members lose upwards of ten thousand dollars and more, among other things, to pay the claims administrator that is responsible for processing class

members' claims and responding to thousands of class member inquiries.

Accordingly, Plaintiffs oppose any substitution of counsel that would require

Craven to seek an extension of time for further appellate review.

Respectfully submitted,

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