

# Citizens Equal Rights Alliance

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## **For Immediate Release**

### **Group representing “Millions of Forgotten Americans” asks President Bush and the Judiciary Committees of Congress for an investigation of Federal Indian Policy before creating more “Trust Lands.”**

The Citizens Equal Rights Alliance (CERA) today mailed a packet of information to each Member of Congress, the Secretaries of the Administration, and the Governors and Attorney Generals of the fifty states, requesting an investigation of Federal Indian Policy.

CERA Chairman Howard Hanson, who has been studying the issue for fifteen years, stated that, “We don't want to live in a country like Canada. Canada is the fifth richest country in the world in natural resource wealth but ever since they turned control of their territories over to the “First Nation” citizens, their economy has been plunged into confusion and dysfunction. The value of their dollar fluctuates between 55 and 62 cents.

“With hundreds of tribal lawsuits underway here in the United States and new regulations contemplated to allow more land to be taken off the property tax roles and put in ‘Trust Status,’ our U.S. citizens deserve a thorough investigation and full disclosure of the economic and social ramifications these private-to-trust land transfers create.

“The enclosed letters and the CERA Fact Sheet position paper explains the enormity of this issue. Our country is at a very critical juncture of its historical journey. Are we going to be the land of equal opportunity for each and every American to share in our resource wealth or are we going down the path of our neighbors to the North? The citizens of our country deserve to know the consequences of these land transfers.”

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