

**Presented to U.S. Representative Frank Lucas
at Pawhuska, OK. Town Hall Meeting, February 18, 2010.**

Today the Osage Nation Government claims to be the owner of the Mineral Estate.

I assert this is in violation of the PL 108-431.

The law clearly states rights of any person to mineral estate shares shall not be diminished thereby.

Do you not feel that a change of ownership from the U. S. Government to the Osage Nation might diminish those rights.

I am here today to ask that you encourage the Department of Interior to assure this part of the law is enforced.

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June 1, 2004 before the House of Representatives statements were made before the vote on HR2912 that were factually in error.

James Gibbons(R-NV2)
Ciro Rociqueze(D-TX28)
Frank Lucas(R-OK3) stated.

Osage's are excluded from membership in the Tribe and denied benefits afforded members of other Tribes. When in fact the only right those Osage people were denied was the right to vote in the Council election.

The proposed intent of HR2912 was to make the Osage Tribe more inclusive and provide rights to all citizens they had been denied.

Today there are 18,149 OSAGE Certified Degree Indian Blood card holders, 11,767 Osage Membership Card holders. Only those with Osage Membership Cards are allow any rights by the Osage Nation Government. This leaves 6382 that are not afforded voting or other benefits provided by the Osage Nation and are otherwise disenfranchised.