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# S. 3324

To permit the Miami Nation of Indiana to apply for acknowledgment as a federally recognized Indian tribe, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 24, 2020

Mr. YOUNG (for himself and Mr. BRAUN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.**

4       In this Act:

5               (1) **ACKNOWLEDGMENT.**—The term “acknowl-  
6       edgment” means acknowledgment as a federally rec-  
7       ognized Indian tribe.

8               (2) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means  
9       the Secretary of the Interior.

1 **SEC. 2. MIAMI NATION OF INDIANA PERMITTED TO PETI-**  
 2 **TION FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
 4 sion of law (including regulations) that denies acknowledg-  
 5 ment to an entity that previously petitioned for and was  
 6 denied acknowledgment, the Miami Nation of Indiana may  
 7 submit a petition to the Secretary, under part 83 of title  
 8 25, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date  
 9 of enactment of this Act), for acknowledgment.

10 (b) EFFECT ON DETERMINATION.—In reviewing and  
 11 making a determination on a petition for acknowledgment  
 12 that the Miami Nation of Indiana submitted, the Sec-  
 13 retary shall not use, as a reason to deny the petition for  
 14 acknowledgment that the Miami Nation of Indiana sub-  
 15 mitted, any previous denial of a petition for acknowledg-  
 16 ment that the Miami Nation of Indiana submitted, includ-  
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- 18 (1) a denial by the Secretary of a petition;
- 19 (2) a court decision affirming a denial of a peti-
- 20 tion; and
- 21 (3) any other denial of a petition.

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