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Example Public Comment (for Community Use)

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Article & Section Referenced:

Article IX – Land Tenure, Section 906 (Transfer and Trade)

Comment:

I am submitting this comment regarding **Article IX, Section 906 – Land Tenure (Transfer and Trade)** of the Navajo Government Reform Proposal.

I am concerned that allowing transfer and trade of land use rights could create disagreements within families, especially where land has been used by multiple generations. Land is deeply connected to family, clan, and responsibility, and decisions about land should involve family consent.

At the same time, I recognize that the current BIA homesite lease process is very slow and makes it difficult for Navajo families to build homes on their own land. Because of this, I support exploring land reform options that give people more practical use of their land.

I recommend that **Section 906** include strong protections such as family or clan approval, mediation when disagreements arise, and clear limits to prevent permanent loss of family land. These protections would help ensure that land reform supports housing and community stability while maintaining K'é and respect for Diné values.