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Re: Law Enforcement Issues on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation.

To The Honorable Representative Herseth-Sandlin:

This letter is written to you in my capacity as Chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's Judicial Committee, my capacity as a Councilman at Large for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, as a member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and a life-long resident of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. I am greatly concerned at the dearth of resources allocated to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Law Enforcement Services at Standing Rock. Currently, we have five (5) patrol officers to take care of an area about the size of the State of Connecticut. This is intolerable.

As you are doubtless aware, we have a burgeoning drug problem afflicting people of all ages throughout the reservation. In my view, the worst of these illicit narcotics is methamphetamine (hereafter "meth"), due the organic injury it causes to the brains of its users. Meth is also increasing the amount of violent crime on the reservation. I urge you to assist the Tribe by helping us fund additional resources to use in our Tribal war on drug use.

To complicate matters for the Tribe, we have been unable to build our Juvenile Detention Center given the diminution in the constructions funds in the years that have passed since we planned the project. Currently, we have to send youth to Eagle Butte, South Dakota for incarceration. It is wonderful that we get assistance from our relatives at the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. I just wish we could get the requisite assistance for detention and law enforcement from our relatives and friends in Congress.

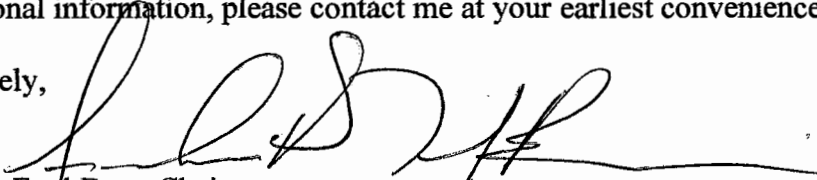
I have met with Chris Chaney, Director of the Office of Law Enforcement Services for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and requested thirty two (32) full time positions for the Standing Rock Law Enforcement Services. In addition, on behalf of the Judicial

Committee and the Tribe I requested an internal affairs investigation into complaints that the Committee and I have received from Tribal members and other reservation residents concerning the incredibly poor law enforcement services provided by the BIA. As former Chief of Police for the Standing Rock Indian Reservation, I know first hand the frustration of running a police department without adequate financial and other resources.

Currently, the Judicial Committee has recommended to the Tribal Council that that the Tribe elect, under section 127, to meet the requirements of H.R.4472, the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, as a jurisdiction subject to its provisions in order to protect and further the sovereignty of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. The requirements of this act are numerous and the Standing Rock Sioux and numerous other federally recognized Tribes lack the resources to register sex offenders residing on the reservation according to the Adam Walsh Act. Please assist us with legislation mandating that the Bureau of Indian Affairs meets its responsibility to us in implementing the requirements of the act.

Representative Herseth-Sandlin, on behalf of the Tribe, I thank you for your leadership and ongoing advocacy for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and our numerous relatives among the other federally recognized Indian Tribes. In the event that you require additional information, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Archie Fool Bear', written over a horizontal line.

Archie Fool Bear, Chairman
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