

Chairman Cedric Cromwell, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe said:

On behalf of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal citizens, we thank Senator Warren and Senator Markey for joining a bipartisan effort in the Senate, led by Senators Tester and Moran, by introducing legislation that would ensure that all federally recognized tribes are treated equally under the landmark Indian Reorganization Act of 1934. These courageous senators join a similar bipartisan effort in the House led by Representatives Tom Cole and Betty McCollum.

Without passage of this legislation, there will continue to be certain federally recognized tribes in the United States treated as ‘second class’ tribes from whom the full benefits of the Indian Reorganization Act will continue to be denied. Our home states senators understand the moral imperative of this effort, as do Representatives Keating and Kennedy.

While in our culture we “Give Thanks” with every sunrise, it is particularly timely that in this month of November when families across the country will gather for a Thanksgiving meal, it is indeed an appropriate time to say that we are proud of, and thankful for our congressional delegation and their support of all federally recognized tribes across the United States.