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The Honorable Deb Haaland
U.S. House of Representatives
1237 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Honoring Promises to Native Nations Legislative Proposal

Dear Representative Haaland:

On behalf of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI), we write to express our support for the Honoring Promises to Native Nations legislative proposal and to thank you for your hard work bringing attention to long-standing inequities in Indian country.

The United States Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) 2003 "Quiet Crisis" Report detailed the Federal government's failure to uphold its solemn treaty and trust obligations to Native Nations by grossly underfunding services and infrastructure in Indian country. The Commission's updated 2018 report titled "Broken Promises: Continuing Federal Funding Shortfall for Native Americans" (Broken Promises) details the federal government's continued failure to adequately fund treaty and statutory obligations for basic needs, including health care, law enforcement, and education. The Broken Promises Report offers recommendations to fulfill those obligations.

The Honoring Promises to Native Nations proposal outlines legislative actions to implement the Commission's recommendations. The proposal includes common-sense solutions such as advance appropriations for tribal programs, exemption from sequestration, and transitioning tribal funding from discretionary to mandatory funding. CTCLUSI strongly supports the vision outlined in the proposal and the legislative effort to make the Commission's recommendations a reality. Honoring treaty and trust responsibilities is paramount, and we strongly support your efforts to help ensure that the United States live up to its promises to CTCLUSI and other Native Nations.

Sincerely,

Doc Slyter
Chairman