

# THE NAVAJO NATION



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May 9, 2019

The Honorable Elizabeth Warren  
309 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Elijah Cummings  
2163 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Comprehensive Addiction Resources Emergency (CARE) Act**

Dear Senator Warren and Representative Cummings:

We write to express our support for the Comprehensive Addiction Resources Emergency (CARE) Act. This critical measure would invest \$100 billion in federal funding over ten years to fight the opioid epidemic, including a total of more than \$800 million a year provided directly to tribal governments and organizations.

The opioid epidemic has devastated many rural communities nationwide but has disproportionately impacted tribal communities. Tribes are at higher risk of disaster exposure and are disproportionately affected by public health emergencies. Many tribes cannot conduct robust public health surveillance of overdoses, engage in data-driven prevention efforts, develop and implement programs, and improve morbidity/mortality data collection and analysis.

We hold firm that this bill will provide tribal nations the tools and resources to combat the opioid epidemic. We thank you for your leadership and your efforts to pass this bill. If your staff has any questions, please call Santee Lewis, Executive Director of the Navajo Nation Washington Office at (202) 682-7390. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jonathan Nez in black ink.

Jonathan Nez, *President*  
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Handwritten signature of Myron Lizer in black ink.

Myron Lizer, *Vice President*  
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