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Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy,

We write to you today to request immediate action on legislation to address the crisis of missing and murdered indigenous women. Native American and Alaska Native women face a murder rate ten times higher than the national average, with eighty-four percent experiencing some form of violence in their lifetime. Despite this disturbing and persisting trend, there is still no reliable way of knowing how many indigenous women go missing each year or whose fate hangs in the balance of an unsolved murder case. This is unacceptable.

As the House of Representatives reconvenes for legislative business, we urge you to bring legislation we have introduced and supported to address this crisis before the full House for consideration. These legislative proposals enjoy broad bipartisan support as evidenced by H.R. 2733, *Savanna's Act*, and H.R. 2438, the *Not Invisible Act*, passing unanimously in the House Judiciary Committee in March.

Each of our congressional districts are impacted by unsolved murder cases or missing person reports from native communities. We have heard the outcries from families and loved ones of these indigenous women, and we are working to – finally – begin addressing this issue. In order to do so, we need your support and action.

With the goal of improving collaboration between local, state, federal, and tribal law enforcement agencies, these pieces of legislation will go a long way to empower our native communities, ensure law enforcement officers have the tools they need to solve cases of missing and murdered indigenous women, and finally deliver justice to the families and loved ones who have been waiting for answers for far too long.

We should not leave commonsense legislation addressing our most vulnerable populations off of the House calendar. Thus, we respectfully request that this important legislation be brought up for consideration in July. These bipartisan bills will give law enforcement and the communities they serve the tools to finally understand and address the crisis of missing and murdered indigenous women and put an end to a decades long crisis that affects native communities throughout our country.

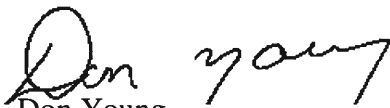
Sincerely,



Dan Newhouse
Member of Congress



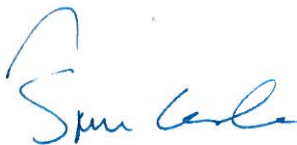
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