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Hon. Elizabeth Warren  
U.S. Senate  
309 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Support for the Remove the Stain Act

Dear Senator Warren,

As the returning President of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and a Marine Corps veteran, I write again on behalf of the Oglala Sioux Tribe to express our Tribe's full support for your reintroduction of the "Remove the Stain Act" legislation in the 119th Congress. We know that our sister Tribal Nations of the Oceti Sakowin (the Seven Council Fires or Great Sioux Nation) stand with you in support of this bill as well.

As you know, this non-partisan bill would rescind the Medals of Honor from the soldiers who perpetrated the Wounded Knee Massacre against our ancestors on December 29, 1890. Those soldiers killed hundreds of defenseless Lakota men, women, and children. Medals of Honor should never be awarded for the murder of defenseless civilians and they should not have been awarded for the atrocity at Wounded Knee.

Thank you for your hard work on behalf of our Tribe, the Oceti Sakowin, and Indian Country. We are hopeful about this important step towards incrementally restoring justice for our people and towards removing this stain on the honor of the United States and our Armed Forces. Please let us know if there is anything our Tribe can do to support you as you work to ensure expeditious passage of this legislation in this Congress.

Respectfully,

Frank Star Comes Out  
President