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RE: National Congress of American Indians Support for the Remove the Stain Act

Dear Senator Warren,

I am writing to express the National Congress of American Indians' (NCAI) strong support for the Remove the Stain Act. For decades, NCAI and Tribal Nations have steadfastly called on Congress to revoke the Medals of Honor awarded to the U.S. 7th Cavalry for their role in the Wounded Knee Massacre. The continued recognition of those responsible for the brutal slaughter of our Lakota relatives—women, children, and elders—remains a shameful stain on our nation's conscience. Our ancestors and their survivors have long awaited justice, and taking action on this issue is long overdue.

We are deeply grateful to you and Senator Merkley for reintroducing the Remove the Stain Act, a critical step toward condemning the horrific atrocities committed at Wounded Knee. NCAI has and will continue to advocate for the passage and signing into law of this important legislation. We remain committed to working alongside our partners to ensure justice, healing, and reconciliation for all Native American communities affected by this historic injustice.

Thank you once again for your leadership on this important issue.

Respectfully,

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