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The Honorable Debra Haaland
Secretary of the Interior
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Haaland:

The people of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation have long raised their concerns regarding the lack of public safety, with little to no meaningful actions taken by the Department of the Interior, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, or the Department of Justice. Sadly, substance abuse, violence, and murder remain unchecked by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. We are disappointed in the lack of urgency that has been demonstrated to address these serious public safety concerns occurring on our Tribal Lands. We cannot wait any longer. We urge you to uphold your commitments to our Tribal communities and immediately expedite law enforcement hiring, recruitment, and resources on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation and throughout tribal lands in Montana.

The Northern Cheyenne Tribe is once again requesting additional law enforcement personnel to assist with the crises that are seen on a daily basis. We urge you to hire and transfer more law enforcement officers to be stationed in Lame Deer to help restore a sense of safety that this community has gone without for far too long. The United States Government has moral and legal treaty responsibilities to the Tribe that include protection for Tribal members while respecting the sovereignty of our people.

Ensuring the safety and well-being of Tribal members on our Tribal Lands should be a commonsense, shared priority. We urge you to take immediate action to restore the trust and safety of the people of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation.

Thank you for your time and attention. We look forward to your quick response.

Sincerely,

Steve Daines
United States Senator

Sincerely,

Serena K. Wetherelt, President
Northern Cheyenne Tribe

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