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 SUBJECT: 21st Century Cures Act DATE: 12/13/17

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# The Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation

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December 13, 2017

Senator Steve Daines  
320 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Daines:

The Chippewa Cree Tribe would like to inform you of our support of legislation to add Tribes and methamphetamine to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act.

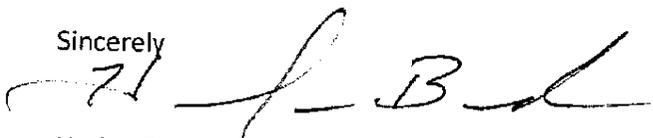
The Chippewa Cree Business Committee and our Law Enforcement personnel were recently given a presentation by the FBI and DEA on drugs that were present on the seven reservations within the State of Montana. Opioids and methamphetamine and fentanyl laced pills are present on the Rocky Boy's Reservation and warned the Tribe that heroin will eventually will make its presence know because of the price being well below the cost of opioids.

Just yesterday, we were informed of the ingredients of a pill ingested by five individuals which resulted in them being rushed to the hospital and treated for a near fatal overdose. Our Criminal Investigators and the FBI were able to track down the source and confiscate the remaining pills from the seller. The pills were sent to the lab and found that they were a mixture of opioids, heroin and fentanyl.

The Tribe is well aware of the consequences of the drug epidemic on our social programs, law enforcement agency and Tribal Courts, as well as taken valuable resources from the already underfunded health care programs funded by the Indian Health Service.

On behalf of the Chippewa Cree Tribe, we appreciate your efforts to insure that tribes will be able to obtain funding to develop and implement a plan to fight the war on drug, not only for our programs, but our schools and health facilities. As a Tribe, we want to insure the people of Rocky Boy's Reservation that they can live in a healthy community, free from the environment caused by the misuse of drug. Again, I would like to thank you for your concern for Indian Country. Should there be any additional information needed, please do not hesitate to call me at (406) 395 5705.

Sincerely



Harlan Baker