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October 15, 2019

Clinton Halftown  
Nation Representative  
Cayuga Nations  
PO Box 803  
Seneca Falls, NY 13148

Dear Mr. Halftown:

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Joseph Heath  
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512 Jamesville Avenue  
Syracuse, NY 13210

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Ray Halbritter  
Nation Representative  
Oneida Indian Nation  
5218 Patrick Road  
Verona, NY 13478

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Chief Irving Powless, Jr.  
Onondaga Nation  
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Nedrow, NY 13210

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Maurice A. John, Sr.  
President  
Seneca Nation of Indians  
PO Box 231  
Salamanca, NY 14779

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Charles K. Smith  
Council of Trustees Chairman  
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PO Box 5006  
Southampton, NY 11969

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412 State Route 37  
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Darwin Hill  
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Basom, NY 14013

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