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Ms. Patricia Trudell Gordon  
Staff Counsel  
U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs  
83B Hart Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Patricia:

I am writing to thank you for your assistance and help with the Native American Preparatory School's (NAPS) "Let Eagles Fly" project. Vince Newman and Dick Ettinger have told me you and your staff are being very helpful in their attempt to seek one-time federal funding for the start-up of the new school.

The four-year school will be a critical source of college preparatory education for gifted Native American students all over the country. I see NAPS as integral to preparing our kids not only for the best universities and colleges in the country, but also to be leaders within their own tribes as well as to be leaders in top industries and professions.

I encourage your best efforts on behalf of NAPS and look forward to a positive and fruitful relationship. Thank you.

Please feel free to contact me if anything I can do would be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wilma P. Mankiller", is written over a horizontal line.

Wilma P. Mankiller  
Principal Chief

cc: Dick Ettinger  
Vincent Newman