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President George Bush The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

The Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act is a vital piece of legislation that is the product of a carefully constructed compromise which has earned the support of the Indian, museum, scientific and historic preservation communities.

We believe that the bill will create a workable framework fostering sensitivity and cooperation in achieving the appropriate repatriation of Native American human remains and cultural objects. As representatives of these diverse organizations, we strongly urge you to sign H.R. 5237.

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