U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Welcomes Legislation in Response to Commission Report on Native Americans

WASHINGTON—In response to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights report, *Broken Promises: Continuing Federal Funding Shortfall for Native Americans,* Senator Elizabeth Warren (MA) and Representative Deb Haaland (NM-01) announced their intent to introduce legislation to address the findings and recommendations of the report. The report was issued December 2018 at the end of the 115th Congress.

"As the Commission documented, legislation to meet the federal government's trust obligations is timely and long overdue," said Catherine E. Lhamon, chair of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. "We look forward to working with members of Congress to ensure that the Commission's recommendations are adopted."

The report documented harrowing inequities across every issue area the Commission examined, including criminal justice, education, health care, housing and infrastructure. Based on tribal, expert, and public input, as well as extensive research and analysis, the Commission majority determined that the federal government has historically failed and continues to fail to meet its Native American trust responsibilities. The report also documented that the budgets and spending of federal agencies overseeing Native American and Native Hawaiian programs were inadequate.

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