January 28, 2019

The Honorable Carlos Mariani

House Committee on Public Safety and Security Policy and Finance

10 State Office Building

Dear Chairman Mariani and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to register our support for HF 111, authored by Mary Kunesh-Podein. HF 111 would create a necessary task force to study and report information on missing and murdered Native women in Minnesota.

As tribal leaders, we are all too familiar with the disproportionately high instances of rape and sexual violence against our women and children. Native Americans are the only race not recorded. We believe it is time that something is done, and HF 111 is a great step forward in the battle to bring justice to those affected.

We ask that you please support HF 111.

If you have any questions or require anything additional from us, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Shelley Buck

President

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