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The Honorable Brian Schatz
Chair
U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
838 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Vice-Chair
U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
838 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

**Re: Pass S.2907 - Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School
Policies Act**

Dear Chairman Schatz and Vice Chairman Murkowski:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota, to urge the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs to support and pass S. 2907 - Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act out of Committee. As you are aware, this legislation will create a Congressional Commission to locate and analyze the records from the over four hundred known Indian boarding schools that operated across the country. This Congressional Commission will bring together boarding school survivors, tribal representatives, along with experts in education, health, and children and families to account for the long lasting impacts of the federal Indian boarding school policy. S. 2907 will also be an important additional measure to support the U.S. Department of the Interior's Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative.

The Lower Sioux Indian Community fully supports and endorses passage of S. 2907 and we appreciate your work towards healing.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Larsen
President