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RE: Coquille Indian Tribe / Native American Mascots

Dear Senators Haas and Roblan and Representative McKeown,

The Coquille Tribe previously submitted a letter saying that it supports a general ban on Native American Mascots. My Tribe now wishes to revise its position.

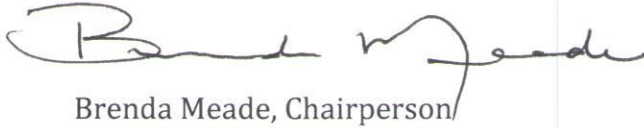
Generally, the Coquille Tribe is open to a localized approach, which conditions the portrayal and use of Native American mascots on the consent of all nearby tribes. This approach will encourage greater cohesion between tribes and their communities and will help to improve mascot imagery and community support for tribes.

For example, the Siletz Valley Charter School, affiliated with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, should be allowed to keep their long time "Warrior" mascot. The imagery and significance of this mascot is positive and is embraced by the local tribal and non-tribal community. In situations like this, where a community embraces a positive and historically accurate Native American mascot and displays

it in a way that they and the local tribe feel are positive, we think that such mascots should be permitted.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenda Meade". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Brenda Meade, Chairperson/
Coquille Indian Tribe

cc: Coquille Tribal Council
Liani Reeves, Governor's Legal Counsel