

**BIOGRAPHY OF SANDRA M. LEWIS**  
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Sandra M. Lewis is 53 years old, born and raised in Michigan. She is an enrolled member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Sandra is a Jingle Dress Dancer, Pipe Carrier, participates in Sun Dance Ceremony and is a member of the Native American Church. Sandra has lived in many communities across Indian Country, including the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Community, where she worked in Human Resources. Sandra's life experience has taken her to live among several Michigan Tribal Communities prior to returning to her home community, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) located in Manistee, Michigan. Sandra worked for 16 years in LRBOI's Tribal Health Services as the Administrative Assistant to the Office of the Health Director before her election to LRBOI's Tribal Council in April 2015. Sandra was sworn into her first 4 year term of office on May 20, 2015; she currently serves as a member of the Legislative Body of the Tribe's government representing the 9 counties of Manistee, Mason, Lake, Wexford, Newago, Oceana, Muskegon, Kent and Ottawa.

This is Sandra's first testimony before the US House of Representatives.