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House Natural Resource Subcommittee for Indigenous People  
United States House of Representatives

Re: Testimony of the Piro/Manso/Tiwa Indian Tribe, Pueblo of San Juan de Guadalupe (PMT) in support of H.R. 5444 the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act

My name is Andrew Roybal and I am the Governor the Piro/Manso/Tiwa Indian Tribe, Pueblo of San Juan de Guadalupe (PMT). Our Tribe is petitioning for federal recognition and has a petition under Active Consideration by the Office of Federal Acknowledgment. Our petition is currently listed as petitioner #5. Here is the link to the information about the Tribe's petition: <https://www.bia.gov/as-ia/ofa/005-pimati-nm>. My grandfather, Victor Roybal, Sr. and his brothers, my great-uncles Vicente Roybal and Candelario Roybal, were taken to Albuquerque Indian School in the late 1800s as adolescent boys. They, along with other cousins and tribal members, who were only children at the time, were loaded on to trains in Las Cruces and sent away from their families to this and other Indian Boarding Schools in New Mexico and elsewhere.

Our research points to local federal officials, most likely working with federal land officer Eugene Van Patten, who identified and selected or told families which children would be taken away and sent to the schools. Our Tribe and children were visited by the federal Bureau of Ethnography researcher Adolph Bandelier, who met with Eugene Van Patten in Las Cruces in the late 1880s. Shortly thereafter, our Tribe's children were taken to these schools and enrolled for many years. About 82 children of attended various Indian boarding schools from 1893 to the 1930s in Albuquerque, Chilocco, Phoenix, Santa Fe, Sherman, and Haskell. Attached is a brief summary and preliminary list of PMT children who attended Indian Schools. Others may be found as the research continues. A more detailed description and analysis of the Tribe's boarding school experience can be found in the Tribe's petition for federal acknowledgment at (<https://www.bia.gov/as-ia/ofa/005-pimati-nm>).

The contradiction that for purposes of tribal separation for assimilation purposes, our Tribe was recognized as a tribe under the tribal separation and assimilation processes of the times, however, for tribe status and recognition purposes, we've been subjected to an unprecedented and

enormous burden of over 45 years to prove that we are a legitimately recognized tribe under the very same Department of Interior rules and regulations. It is unconscionable, unacceptable and certainly in need of remediation, recognition and restitution.

This has had a devastating effect on the minds, and created broken hearts, of the current descendants of our Indian Boarding School ancestors. This policy and weapon of assimilation, the Indian Boarding School system, has created much turmoil and feelings of oppression, loss and sadness among our people today. When our Tribe's citizens were children they were considered Indian by the United States government. After Indian Boarding School, as adults, they were told they were not Indians by the government. How can the United States of America recognize a generation of children in our Tribe, then tell those same children when they are adults that they are not Indians after all, and that their Tribe is not recognized? This has caused over 100 years of turmoil, loss, and struggle for our Tribe and our people, the vast majority of which are descendants of Indian Boarding School students. This wrong must be corrected and the passage of H.R. 5444 the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act would be a first step toward healing and reconciliation.

When PMT tribal members began to attend the Albuquerque Indian School in large numbers, certain students, among others, were retained to work at the school for pay as a part of their training, as an alternative to participating in the Indian School Service's "Outing Program." Among these was Candelario Roybal, son of Felipe Roybal and Francisca Avalos Roybal who attended Albuquerque Indian School and later was hired as a baker. He lived the rest of his life a few blocks away from the boarding school in Albuquerque. His appointment as baker was mentioned in *The Indian School Journal*, published by Chilocco Indian School in 1907 and 1912.

Another member of the Tribe, Cipriano Avalos, daughter of Perfecto Avalos and sister of Juan Avalos, authorized to appoint Cipriano Abalos and Ursula Padilla jointly as Assistant Seamstresses:

"You are advised that in a letter dated the 25th instant, the Honorable Secretary of the Interior authorized the employment of two assistant seamstresses at your school at \$60 per annum each, in lieu of assistant seamstress at a salary of \$180 per annum. You may appoint Cipriano Abalos and Ursula Padilla to these positions as per letter of the 13th instant from M. D. Shelby, Special Agent in Charge." (Vol. 75, 1/27/1896-5/27/1896, Letter Books 254-255; April 28, 1896. P. 471. Letter, Thos. Potsner, Commissioner, to John J. McCain, Supt. of Indian School, Albuquerque, N. M., Re: Albuquerque School)

Indian School Service Rules 1913: Regulation 13, and in 1919, Indian children not under Federal supervision could not be enrolled in a Federal boarding school (Sells 1919). PMT children were considered Indian and were sent to non-reservation Indian boarding schools. In 1893-1894, according to memories of PMT elders, most of the Tribe's children were rounded up in Las Cruces by a matron from the Albuquerque Indian School (probably Letitia Creager, or her replacement) and taken to the school by train. It appears that the Rules of the Indian School Service mandated parental consent at that time for enrollment of children ages 5-18 in boarding schools, if the children lived off-reservation. The Commissioner of Indian Schools recognized our Tribe for the purposes of federal service eligibility, including health services, employment training, and the like available at the schools, including paid leave.

PMT CHILDREN WHO ATTENDED INDIAN SCHOOL

Name	Enrolled at Albuquerque	Parent/guardian	Age
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Armijo, Daniel	9/13/1894	Juan Armijo	15
[V]Billegas, Teodora	re-enrolled 9/1/99	Gabriel Billegas	13
Banegas, Febrionio	9/13/94	Esan Banegas	17
Barela, Santa Cruz	re-enrolled 9/1/98	Jesus Barela	13
Cruz, Simon	9/12/94	Gregorio Cruz	13
Duran, Santiago	9/13/94	Faustino Pederiza	9
Garcia, Leonides	9/1/97	Manuel Garcia	14
Holguin, Juan	9/1/97	Jose M. Holguin	15
Johnson, John J.	9/13/94; re-ent. 9/1/98	John Johnson	12
Kelsey, Modesto	9/17/97	Geralda Kelsey (mo.)	14
Lopez, Martine	9/13/94	Ramon Lopez	9
Lujon, Margarito	9/13/97	Margarito Lujon	13
Maese, Carlos	9/12/94	no relatives	17
Mendoza, Carlos	9/13/94	Antonio Mendoza	17
Padilla, Eugenio	9/1/95	Margarito Padilla	11
Padilla, Eulogio	9/1/94	Concepcion Mendoza	13
Quinones, Gabriel	9/13/94	Refujia Urtiago	12
Quintano, Longines	1/4 9/21/96	Guardian -- Francito	16
Rivera, Celso	9/13/94	Julia Rivera	14
Rivera, Miguel	9/12/94	Eulogio Borrego	14
Roybal, Candelario	9/13/94	Felipe Roybal	17
Ruiz, Jose	9/13/94	Antonio R. Ruiz	18
Urtiago, Victoriano	9/13/94	Tiodoso Grijalva	17
Vegas, Marcos	9/1/97	Manuel Vega	12
[V]Billegas, Martine	1/4 9/1/98	Gabriel Billegas	12
Francisco, Maesis	9/4/1900	Tranquilino Trujillo	9
Jurado, Jose	9/4/1900	Eugene Jurado	15
Carrier, Joe M.	9/4/1900	Charles Carrier	17
Ortega, Daniel	4/11/1901	Maximo Ortega	11
Ortega, Maximo	4/11/1901	Maximo Ortega	14
Olege, Julian	8/1/1901	Jesus Olege	16
Tirre, Francisco	8/30/1902	Abraham Tirre	12
Tirre, Ramon	8/30/1902	Abraham Tirre	11
Tirre, Louis	8/30/1902	Abraham Tirre	11
{ the last three ran away 8/31/1902 }			
Roybal, Victor	11/9/1903	Felipe Roybal	14
Dominguez, Josefa 1/8	9/1/97	Guardian--Primo; Saliedo	16
Garcia, Candelaria	8/30/96	Guardian--Antonio Garcia	8
Kelsey, Mary	8/30/96	Gerald & Geralda Kelsey	12
Montoya, Josephine	9/12/94	Fanny Montoya	13
Montoya, Rafela	9/12/94	Felipe Roybal	11
Nunes, Amelia	9/12/94	Paz Munez	12

Padilla, Maria	9/1/95	Margarito Padilla	11
Rivera Josepha	8/30/96	Guardian--Julio Rivera	9
Rivera Manuela	8/30/96	Guardian--Julio Rivera	9
Salmon, Francesca	8/30/96	Gdn. Antonio Salmon	11
Trujillo, Josephita	9/12/94	Antonio Trujillo	10
Arinevas, Juena	9/12/98	Mr. Guadalupe Arinevas	14
Chiribal, Josephine	9/1/98	Mrs. David Montoya	14
Herrera, Marina	9/1/98	Mr. Natividad Herrera	13
Herrera, Mera	9/1/98	Mr. Natividad Herrera	10
Ortega, Marciana	4/11/1901	Maximo Ortega	8
Diaz, Manuela	8/30/1901	Mr. Miguel Diaz	12
Ortega, Margarita 3/4	8/31/1901	Maximo Ortega	14
Gomez, Felix 1/2	12/30/06	Gdn:Francesca Roybal	10
Roybal, B[V]icente	12/30/06	Francesca Roybal	9
Carbajal, Catrina 1/2	12/30/06	Juana Abalos Gdn.	9
Rodella, Maria 1/2	12/30/06	Alejandro Rodella	13
Rodella, Francisca 1/2	12/30/06	Alejandro Rodella	15
Chacon, Viclavia	1/5/07	Tiburcio Chacon	12
Chacon, Suisa	1/5/07	Tiburcio Chacon	11

#### Albuquerque Indian School

<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents or Guardian</u>	<u>Date, 1st Enrollment</u>	<u>2nd Enrollment</u>
Dan Chacon	Tiburcio Chacon	1893	
Zacarias Chacon	Tiburcio Chacon	1893	
Daniel Armijo	Julien Armijo	1984	1899
Teodora Villegas	Gabriel Villegas	1894	
Febronio Banegas	Esan Banegas	1894	
Santa Cruz Barelo	Jesus Barela	1894	1898
Miguel Villegas	Gabriel Billegas	1894	1899
Simon Cruz	Faustino Pedraza	1894	
Santiago Duran	Faustino Pedraza	1894	
John G. Jonson	John Johnson	1894	1898
Martin Lopez	Ramon Lopez	1894	
Carlos Mendosa	Antonio Mendosa	1894	
-Eulogio Padilla	Concepcion Mendosa	1894	
Gabriel Quinones	Refugia Urtiago	1894	1898
Celso Rivera	Julia Rivera	1894	
Miguel Rivera	Eulogio Borrejo	1894	
Candelario Roybal	Felipe Roybal	1894	
Jose Ruiz	Antonio R. Ruiz	1894	
-Victoriano Urtiago	Teodosa Grijalva	1894	1898
Josephine Montoya	Fanny Montoya	1894	1898
Rafela Montoya	Felipe Roybal	1894	

Josefita Trujillo\Antonio Trujillo	1894	
Amelia Nunes\Paz Nunes	1894	
Eugenio Padilla \Margarito Padilla	1895	1898
Maria Padilla\ Margarito Padilla	1895	1898
Longinio Quintana\Trancito Hidalgo	1896	
Candelaria Garcia\Antonio Garcia	1896	
Mary Kelsey\Geralda Kelsey	1896	
Josefa Rivera\Julio Rivera	1896	1899
Manuela Rivera\Julio Rivera	1896	
-Francisca Salmon\Antonio Salmon	1896	
Leonides Garcia\Manuel Garcia	1897	
-Juan Olquin/Jose M. Olquin	1897	
Modesto Kelsey\Geralda Kelsey	1897	
Margarito Lujan\ Margarito Lujon	1897	
Tomas Padilla\Nestacio Padilla	1897	
Marcos Vegas\Manuel Vegas	1897	
Josefa Dominquez\Primo Salciedo	1897	
Martin Villegas\Gabriel Villegas	1898	
Juana Arinavas\Guadalupe Arinavas	1898	
Josephine Chiribel\Mrs. David Montoya	1898	
Maria Herrera\ Mrs. Natividad Herrera	1898	
Mera Herrera\ Mrs. Natividad Herrera	1898	
Martin Quintana\ Trancito Hidalgo	1898	
Ramon Porras\ Mrs. Cleofas de Pachina	1899	
Jose Jurado\Eugene Jurado	1900	
Joe M. Carrier\Charles Carrier	1900	
Francisco Maese\Tranquilino Trujillo	1900	
Daniel Ortega\Maximo Ortega	1901	
Maximo Ortega\Maximo Ortega	1901	
-Julian Olega\Jesus Olega	1901	
Marciana Ortega\Maximo Ortega	1901	
Manuela Diaz\Miguel Diaz	1901	
Margarita Ortega\Maximo Ortega	1901	
Victor Roybal\Felipe Roybal	1903	
Jose Alejo\Dolores Alejo	1904	
Antonio Rodela\Alejandro Rodela	1904	
Ysidro Rodela\Alejandro Rodela	1904	
Maria Rodela\Alejandro Rodela	1904	
Francisca Rodela\Alejandro Rodela	1906	
Felix Gomez\Francisca Roybal	1906	
Vicente Roybal\Francisca Roybal	1906	
-Catarina Carbajal \Juana Avalos	1906	
Viclavia Chacon\Tiburcio Chacon	c.1910	
Suisa Chacon\Tiburcio Chacon	c.1910	
Jose Gomez\Francisca Roybal	c.1910	
Domesio Parra\Francisca Roybal	c.1910	
Jesus Lara\Julian Lara	c.1910	

Lamberto Trujillo\Juan Trujillo c.1910  
Lojenio Pedraza\Faustino Pedraza c.1910  
Andreas Duran\? C.1910  
Edward Roybal\Victor Roybal Sr. c.1920  
Felipe Roybal\Vicente Roybal\Isidra c.1920  
Antonio Parra\Francisca Roybal c.1920  
Gabriel Parra\Francisca Roybal c.1920

Sherman Institute

Charles Madrid, Sr.\Savannah Madrid 1909

Chilocco Indian School

Isabel Padilla\Margarito Padilla  
Eugenio Padilla\Margarito Padilla  
Frank Padilla\Margarito Padilla  
Ventura Rivera\Julian Rivera

Phoenix Indian School

Barbara Baca/Magdeleno Baca  
Rita Baca/Magdeleno Baca  
Augustin Baca/Magdeleno Baca

Haskell Institute

Charles Madrid, Sr.\Savannah Madrid 1911 (Enrolled until 1913)

On behalf of the Piro/Manso/Tiwa Indian Tribe, Pueblo of San Juan de Guadalupe (PMT), we thank the House Natural Resource Subcommittee for Indigenous People and The National Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) for doing something about the devastating effects of the Indian Boarding schools on our Tribe and the lives of so many Native tribes and families in the country.

If you have any questions or need any additional information or supporting documentation please let me know. [REDACTED].

FOR THE PIRO/MANSO/TIWA INDIAN TRIBE

  
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