



Inter Tribal Association of Arizona

21 TRIBAL NATIONS

November 4, 2021

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the Inter Tribal Association of Arizona (ITAA), an inter-tribal consortium of 21 federally recognized Indian Tribes with lands in Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah, and New Mexico, we urge you to finally deliver long, overdue justice to tribal victims of the federal government's nuclear testing.

Extending and expanding the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) must be a more urgent priority for the federal government. ITAA strongly supports the Downwinders Parity Act, introduced by Congressman Greg Stanton, to bring justice to thousands, including members of the Hualapai Tribe, who lived downwind from nuclear testing at the Nevada Test Site. This important change to the affected area will ensure many tribal citizens, who have been denied an opportunity for compensation despite their exposure to the fall-out from more than a thousand tests, finally have an opportunity to seek compensation for the harm they have and continue to suffer.

We also support the efforts to ensure uranium mine workers who worked on the Navajo Nation from 1971 to 1990 are also included under RECA. For a period of more than 40 years, nearly 30 million tons of uranium ore was extracted from Navajo lands for the federal government's nuclear activities. Like the Hualapai downwinders, these individuals deserve to be compensated for the extraordinary risks they took for our country.

Justice for tribal citizens who have suffered as a direct result of the actions of the federal government must be a top priority for your Administration. The need is dire, and the time is now to deliver the compensation they rightfully deserve.

If you should have any questions, please contact ITAA's executive director, Ms. Maria Dadgar at maria.dadgar@itaa-az.org or 602.258.4822.

Respectfully,

Shan Lewis,
Vice Chairman, Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
President, Inter Tribal Association of Arizona

Ak-Chin Indian
Community
Cocopah Tribe
Colorado River
Indian Tribes
Fort McDowell
Yavapai Nation
Fort Mojave
Indian Tribe
Gila River Indian
Community
Havasupai Tribe
Hopi Tribe
Hualapai Tribe
Kaibab Band of Paiute
Indians
Pascua Yaqui Tribe
Pueblo of Zuni
Quechan Tribe
Salt River Pima-
Maricopa Indian
Community
San Carlos
Apache Tribe
San Juan
Southern Paiute Tribe
Tohono O'odham
Nation
Tonto Apache Tribe
White Mountain
Apache Tribe
Yavapai-Apache
Nation
Yavapai-Prescott
Indian Tribe