

Committee on Natural Resources
Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States

Hybrid Legislative Hearing
May 12, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. ET

Legislative Hearing on H.R. 5444

Questions from Rep. Gallego for Deborah Parker, Chief Executive Officer, National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition

1. Can you describe how involved the Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition and survivors of boarding schools were in the compilation of the Department of Interior report that was released 5/11/22? Do you expect a similar level of engagement with NABS if the commission in H.R. 5444 is enacted?
2. It is my understanding that federal boarding school policies, along with other oppressive federal policies, contributed to the growth of urban AI/AN populations in U.S. cities. Can you discuss more about the impact of these federal policies on the growth of the urban AI/AN population and the need to partner with urban Native communities to help heal from the effects of the intergenerational trauma caused by boarding school policies?