

Dear House of Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Diane Rosenberg. I am writing in support of H.R. 5444 the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act.

While I am not a Native American nor survivor of these abominable institutions, I have read more than enough about the horrendous damage these schools inflicted on indigenous tribes. This was cultural genocide, and it sickens me that those who settled this country heartlessly and cruelly tried to wipe Native Americans off the face of the earth – both physically and culturally.

Too many people have suffered as a result. Rich cultures have nearly vanished. It's shameful. The impacts of the boarding schools continue to affect Native Americans. These are trauma survivors. As a trauma survivor myself, I know from firsthand experience you need a lot of support to regain a healthy life.

The US should do all that it can to help Native Americans heal and grow. Please support H.R. 5444.

Thank you to the Natural Resources Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.

Best regards,  
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