Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Pamela Bondi Attorney General U.S. Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Bondi,

We are writing to express deep concern over the removal of the Not Invisible Act Commission Report from the Department of Justice (DOJ) website. The Not Invisible Act Commission was created through bipartisan legislation signed into law by President Trump in 2020 and established a collaborative commission with the DOJ and Department of Interior (DOI) to address, document, and respond to the missing and murdered Indigenous Persons crisis (MMIP). This legislation took a critical step in establishing how the government can continue to address the longstanding and ongoing MMIP crisis through the comprehensive collection of information and reporting on a federal agency level. However, on February 18th, 2025, the 212-page report titled, *Not One More*, was removed from the DOJ website. We understand that this was done to comply with President Trump's Executive Order entitled *Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government (Defending Women)*. However, the work done by the Not Invisible Act Commission explicitly does not promote gender ideology or extremism and is compliant with sections d and f of the OPM memo on this matter. Though there is mention within the findings themselves that women compose a large percentage of MMIP individuals, there ceases to be a link between gender extremism and ideology and the work of the Not Invisible Commission.

We ask that the DOJ take immediate steps to restore the Not Invisible Act Commission Report as removing the data from public government websites obstructs long-overdue justice and harms any efforts to combat the crisis.

The Not Invisible Act Commission was composed of Tribal leaders, law enforcement, federal partners, service providers, and survivors who made recommendations to the DOJ and DOI on combating violence against American Indians and Alaskan Natives. The Commission held seven in-person field hearings and one multi-day virtual national hearing to hear from over 260 people. Many people who spoke to the Commission were family members of lost loved ones or themselves victimized by violence. Their stories and insights were essential to the report's final recommendations and provided critical insight into addressing the MMIP crisis. This landmark report was a culmination of months of due diligence collection of testimony and data from across the country. The final report provided federal, state, and local branches of the U.S, government with data and recommendations as to how to reduce the missing and murdered Indigenous women (MMIW) crisis.

Indigenous people face disproportionate rates of violence. According to DOJ's National Institute of Justice, 84.3 percent of women and 81.6 percent of men have experienced violence in their lifetime.¹ At the same time, lack of data due to racial misclassification and adverse relationships between tribal government and outside law enforcement have led to an un-reporting of MMIP cases. For instance, according to the National Crime Information Center, in 2016, 5712 cases of MMIWG were reported, however, only 116 cases were logged in the

¹ <u>https://www.ojp.gov/pdffiles1/nij/249815.pdf</u>

DOJ database. ²That is why the Not Invisible Act Commission Report is so important. Accessible data is essential to addressing this crisis as it identifies patterns of disappearances and death, supports law enforcement and community responses, and informs public policy decision-making. The final report's removal strips our most powerful tool in the pursuit of justice.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and request that you immediately restore the Not Invisible Acts Commission Report as it is one of our greatest instruments to address these injustices. The epidemic of MMIP and MMIW will not cease if we do not have data to underscore our work. Thank you for taking the time to address this important matter. We look forward to hearing your quick response.

Sincerely,

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² <u>https://www.uihi.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Missing-and-Murdered-Indigenous-Women-and-Girls-Report.pdf</u>

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