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On May 4, 2008, the Rapid City Journal published an article entitled, "Sioux Urged to take Hills Payment." An attorney from the Kettering Law Office in Yankton, South Dakota, is seeking tribal members to join in legal action to distribute Black Hills money, claiming tribal individuals and a group called the "Black Hills Steering Committee" have given their approval.

The Kettering Law Office does not represent the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council, or the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Administration. The Kettering Law Office has not sought nor have they received any official authorization to act on behalf of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.

The United States Supreme Court in United States v. Sioux Nation of Indians, 448 U.S. 371, (1980), upheld the decision of the Indian Claims Commission that an 1877 Act of Congress effected an unlawful taking of the Black Hills from the Sioux Nation, land set aside for the Sioux by treaty with the United States. The Court noted, "A more ripe and rank case of dishonorable dealings will never, in all probability, be found in our history." For over one hundred years the people of the Sioux Nation have maintained their claim for the unlawful taking of the Black Hills. The Rosebud Sioux Tribe adamantly opposes accepting any monetary settlement as compensation for the claim of

the Sioux Nation for the illegal taking of the Black Hills. The Rosebud Sioux Tribe condemns any attempts by attorneys or other tribal groups to divide the people of the Sioux Nation by soliciting support from individuals who are not elected representatives of any federally recognized Sioux Indian Tribe.

THE BLACK HILLS ARE NOT FOR SALE! In Lakota, "He Sapa kin waken yelo,oheniya kik suyapo," means, "Always remember the Black Hills are sacred."