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VIA EMAIL, MAIL TO FOLLOW

Hon. John Conyers, Jr., Chairman
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Washington, D.C. 20515

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Re: Tribal Law and Order Act (H.R. 725)

Dear Members:

As former United States Attorneys appointed by President George W. Bush -- and as Republicans committed to helping Indian tribes and nations fight violent crime -- we strongly support the Tribal Law and Order Act and urge you to pass H.R. 725 now.

Enacting this bill will help make federal prosecutors serving Indian Country more accountable and responsive to local needs. H.R. 725 will also provide tribal governments with more flexible sentencing authority that respects the rights of crime victims and criminal defendants alike. Communities across Indian Country stand to gain from the prudent use of these enhanced tools to enforce the rule of law.

These and other key provisions of the Tribal Law and Order Act have been debated for many years. Meanwhile, violent crime rates throughout much of Indian Country have remained unacceptably high -- at least two-and-half times the national average. Now is the time for the House to act by passing H.R. 725.

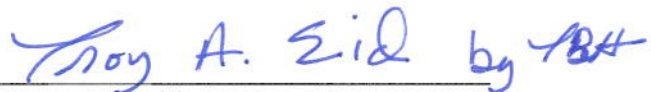
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Thank you for your leadership and service to the country we love.

Sincerely,



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Note: Troy A. Eid has authorized Thomas B. Heffelfinger to sign this letter on his behalf.