



# The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

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I write on behalf of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in support of Hampton Dellinger's confirmation to the position of Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice. As the sole federally recognized tribe in North Carolina, the Eastern Band had substantial interaction with Mr. Dellinger when he worked in high-level positions within the North Carolina state government. We are convinced that he possesses the integrity and vision to serve as a highly effective Assistant Attorney General.

As both North Carolina's Deputy Attorney General and Chief Legal Counsel to the Governor, Mr. Dellinger demonstrated a clear understanding and respect for tribal sovereignty and its legal underpinnings. He further demonstrated an understanding that, far from being in conflict, the interests of the State and of the Eastern Band could be advanced through cooperation on issues of mutual importance. He worked with the Eastern Band on a range of issues including public safety in Indian country, the protection and repatriation of important tribal cultural resources, and tribal gaming. On each of these issues substantial advancements were made that benefited not only the Eastern Band and its citizens but the interests of all North Carolinians. Mr. Dellinger evidenced a constructive attitude that allowed for real progress in our State.

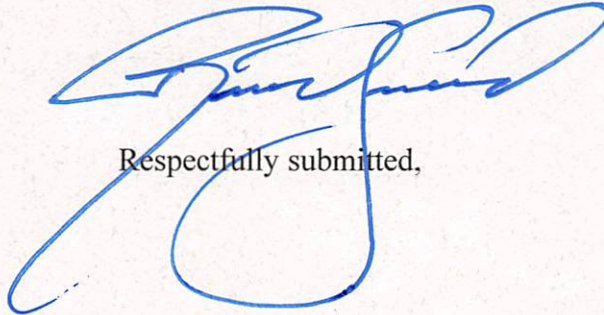
Mr. Dellinger has maintained a strong interest in Tribal issues ever since leaving State government. We know that, at the Department of Justice, he will bring his acumen and energy to bear on a host of issues of importance to tribes nationwide, including the serious issues related to missing and murdered indigenous women and children.

More generally, Mr. Dellinger has been committed throughout his career to issues of equity and fairness, including working as a volunteer lawyer assisting on civil and voting rights issues. He is a great listener, one who strives to accord respect to all sides of an issue, and we believe that will make him a great public servant at the federal level just as he was in North Carolina.

It is for these reasons that we enthusiastically support Mr. Dellinger's nomination to serve as Assistant Attorney General

overseeing the Office of Legal Policy, and we urge that you confirm  
his as promptly as possible.

Thank you for considering these views.

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Respectfully submitted,