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Health Clinic Administrator:

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Clinton Halftown
Nation Representative
Cayuga Nation
P.O. Box 803
Seneca Falls, NY 13148

Dear Representative Halftown:

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Tim Twoguns
Nation Representative
Cayuga Nation
P.O. Box 803
Seneca Falls, NY 13148

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Gary Wheeler
Nation Representative
Cayuga Nation
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Joseph Heath
Nation Representative
Cayuga Nation
512 Jamesville Ave.
Syracuse, NY 13210

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Ray Halbritter
Nation Representative
Oneida Indian Nation
5218 Patrick Road
Verona, NY 13478

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Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe
412 State Route 37
Akwesasne, NY 13655

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Chief Ross Garrow
Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe
412 State Route 37
Akwesasne, NY 13655

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Onondaga Nation Territory
Hemlock Road, Box 319-B
Nedrow, NY 13120

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Maurice A. John Sr.
President
Seneca Nation of Indians
P.O. BOX 231
Salamanca, NY 14779

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Daniel Collins Sr.
Sachem
Shinnecock Indian Nation
PO Box 5006
Southampton, New York 11969-5006

Dear Sachem Collins Sr.:

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Lisa Goree
Chairwoman, Council of Trustees
Shinnecock Indian Nation
PO Box 5006
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Dear Chairwoman Goree:

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Lance Gumbs
Vice Chairman, Council of Trustees
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Chief Roger Hill
Council Chairman, Administration Office
Tonawanda Seneca Indian Nation
7027 Meadville Road
Basom, NY 14013

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Darwin Hill, Clerk
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Chief Tom Jonathan
Tribal Clerk
Tuscarora Indian Nation
2006 Mount Hope Road
Lewiston, NY 14092

Dear Chief Jonathan:

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Chief Kenneth Patterson
Tuscarora Indian Nation
1967 Upper Mountain Road
Lewiston, NY 14092

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Chief Harry Wallace
Unkechaug Indian Territory
207 Poospatuck Lane
Mastic, NY 11950

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Wada Samuels
Keeper of Records
Unkechaug Indian Territory
P.O. 86
Mastic, NY 11950

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Patricia Tarrant
Executive Director
American Indian Community House
275 Madison Avenue
Suite 2014
New York, NY 10016

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