

United States Senate

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Via U.S. mail and electronic mail

Megan Wood, Executive Director & CEO
Ohio History Connection
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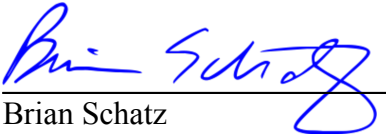
Dear Executive Director & CEO Wood:

Thank you for your responses to the Committee's April 20, 2023 letter requesting information detailing the Ohio History Connection's process for meeting its requirements under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA). As Vice Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, I'm writing to follow up with additional questions related to the Ohio History Connection's initial response.

Please respond to the following as soon as possible or within 30 calendar days:

- 1) Please provide a status update on your institution's NAGPRA compliance progress since April 20, 2023. Include in your response the following details:
 - a) The number of Notices of Inventory Completion submitted to National NAGPRA and the number of ancestral remains and cultural items that have been repatriated to Tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations, respectively.
 - b) An update on the remaining number of NAGPRA-eligible items within your collection for Tribes and Native Hawaiians, respectively.
- 2) Please describe the impacts, if any, on the Ohio History Connection's repatriation efforts since the updated NAGPRA regulations went into effect.
- 3) What impact, if any, has the Ohio History Connection's shift to conducting Tribal consultation to better determine cultural affiliation of ancestral remains and cultural items had on its NAGPRA compliance? Has such a shift resulted in any new barriers to repatriation?
- 4) Please explain why the Ohio History Connection decided to establish its NAGPRA Department and the role it plays in the institution's repatriation process. In your response, please provide details on the size of the department and any Tribal representation.
- 5) When is the "preponderance of the evidence" standard applied during the Ohio History Connection's implementation of NAGPRA?

Sincerely,



Brian Schatz
United States Senator
Vice Chairman, Committee
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Jenn Edginton, Museum Director
Illinois State Museum
10956 N. Dickenson Mounds Rd.
Lewiston, IL 61542

Dear Director Edginton:

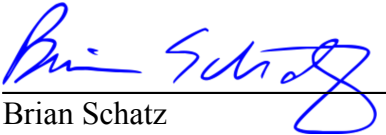
Thank you for your responses to the Committee's April 20, 2023 letter requesting information detailing Illinois State Museum's process for meeting its requirements under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA). As Vice Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, I'm writing to follow up with additional questions related to ISM's initial response.

Please respond to the following as soon as possible or within 30 calendar days:

- 1) Please provide a status update on your institution's NAGPRA compliance progress since April 20, 2023. Include in your response the following details:
 - a) The number of Notices of Inventory Completion submitted to National NAGPRA and the number of ancestral remains and cultural items that have been repatriated to Tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations, respectively.
 - b) An update on the remaining number of NAGPRA-eligible items within your collection for Tribes and Native Hawaiians, respectively.
- 2) Please describe the impacts, if any, on ISM's repatriation efforts since the updated NAGPRA regulations went into effect.
- 3) Not including the Dickson Mound Collections, please provide a description of ISM's repatriation efforts for NAGPRA-eligible sacred items, items of cultural patrimony, and unassociated funerary items, including:
 - a) The total numbers of items in each category.
 - b) The percentage of items in each category that have been included in a Notice of Intent to Repatriate; and
 - c) The percentage of items in each category that have been repatriated.
- 4) What proportion of your NAGPRA eligible collections are not from ISM sponsored projects?
 - a) Please provide examples of the "other sources" cited in your April 2023 response from which ISM receives Native American ancestral remains and cultural items for its collection.
- 5) Does ISM continue to accept Native American ancestral remains and cultural items from private donations? How frequently is ISM presented with such donations?

- 6) Please provide a status update on the Dickson Mound repatriation, including the percentage of the collection yet to be repatriated, an anticipated timeline for completing the repatriation process, and if the new NAGPRA regulations have helped or hindered your repatriation efforts.
- 7) Please provide a status update on ISM's NAGPRA committee, its role in approving research on NAGPRA collections at ISM, and whether it updated ISM's internal guidance in response to the NAGPRA regulations that went into effect in 2024.
- 8) When is the "preponderance of the evidence" standard applied during the Illinois State Museum's implementation of NAGPRA?

Sincerely,



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Via U.S. mail and electronic mail

Alan Garber, President
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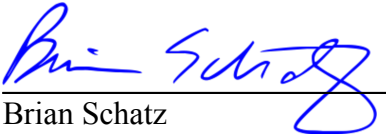
Dear President Garber:

Thank you for your responses to the Committee's April 20, 2023 letter requesting information detailing Harvard University's process for meeting its requirements under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA). As Vice Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, I'm writing to follow up with additional questions related to Harvard's initial response.

Please respond to the following as soon as possible or within 30 calendar days:

- 1) Please provide a status update on your institution's NAGPRA compliance progress since April 20, 2023. Include in your response the following details:
 - a) The number of Notices of Inventory Completion submitted to National NAGPRA and the number of ancestral remains and cultural items that have been repatriated to Tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations, respectively.
 - b) An update on the remaining number of NAGPRA-eligible items within your collection for Tribes and Native Hawaiians, respectively.
- 2) Please describe the impacts, if any, on Harvard's repatriation efforts since the updated NAGPRA regulations went into effect.
- 3) Since 2023, have any new allegations of non-compliance been directed toward Harvard? If so, what is the status of these allegations?
- 4) Has Harvard's NAGPRA Disposition Project met its goal of completing the "disposition of ancestors and their associated funerary belongings" by 2025?
 - a) If not, please describe any barriers to meeting this stated goal.
- 5) What is the status of the Department of the Interior's investigation into the allegation of non-compliance related to Woodbury-Collection hair clippings?
- 6) When is the "preponderance of the evidence" standard applied during Harvard's implementation of NAGPRA?

Sincerely,



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Via U.S. mail and electronic mail

Rich Lyons, Chancellor
University of California, Berkeley
Office of the Chancellor
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Berkeley, CA 94720

Dear Chancellor Lyons:

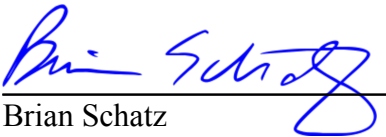
Thank you for your responses to the Committee's April 20, 2023 letter requesting information detailing the University of California Berkeley's process for meeting its requirements under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA). As Vice Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, I'm writing to follow up with additional questions related to UC Berkeley's initial response.

Please respond to the following as soon as possible or within 30 calendar days:

- 1) Please provide a status update on your institution's NAGPRA compliance progress since April 20, 2023. Include in your response the following details:
 - a) The number of Notices of Inventory Completion submitted to National NAGPRA and the number of ancestral remains and cultural items that have been repatriated to Tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations, respectively.
 - b) An update on the remaining number of NAGPRA-eligible items within your collection for Tribes and Native Hawaiians, respectively.
- 2) Please describe the impacts, if any, on UC Berkeley's repatriation efforts since the updated NAGPRA regulations went into effect.
- 3) The University of California Berkeley's NAGPRA Committee recently reviewed and approved previously denied claims for repatriation, a practice that reportedly will continue.
 - a) Is the reassessment of previously denied repatriation claims a policy unique to UC Berkeley, or is it a UC-system policy?
 - b) Please provide an update on the status of previously denied claims, including:
 - i) The number of previously denied claims that have been reversed and number of ancestral remains and cultural items repatriated.
 - ii) The number of previously denied claims not yet reviewed.
 - c) Have the new NAGPRA regulations impacted UC Berkeley's process for reviewing previously denied claims?
 - d) Has UC Berkeley's new practice been effective in facilitating repatriation of new and previously denied claims requests? Please explain in detail.

- 4) Since 2023, has UC Berkeley repatriated any items where only one line of evidence was used to determine cultural affiliation of an item or ancestral remains?
- 5) Please elaborate on your statement that, “consultation is initiated as early as possible.” In your response –
 - a) Please describe a recent example of when UC Berkeley initiated consultation “early” and how the timing of consultation impacted completion of the repatriation process.
 - b) Has the “as early as possible” timing of consultation changed because of UC Berkeley’s new policy on previously denied claims? Compliance with the revised 2024 NAGPRA regulations? Or some other reason?
 - c) What effect has this new consultation policy had on UC’s repatriation process and its relationship with Tribes and Native Hawaiians?
- 6) When is the “preponderance of the evidence” standard applied during UC Berkeley’s implementation of NAGPRA?

Sincerely,



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Via U.S. mail and electronic mail

Pamela Whitten, President
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Dear President Whitten:

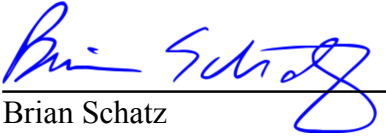
Thank you for your responses to the Committee's April 20, 2023 letter requesting information detailing Indiana University's process for meeting its requirements under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA). As Vice Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, I'm writing to follow up with additional questions related to the University's initial response.

Please respond to the following as soon as possible or within 30 calendar days:

- 1) Please provide a status update on your institution's NAGPRA compliance progress since April 20, 2023. Include in your response the following details:
 - a) The number of Notices of Inventory Completion submitted to National NAGPRA and the number of ancestral remains and cultural items that have been repatriated to Tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations, respectively.
 - b) An update on the remaining number of NAGPRA-eligible items within your collection for Tribes and Native Hawaiians, respectively.
- 2) Please describe the impacts, if any, on the University's repatriation efforts since the updated NAGPRA regulations went into effect.
- 3) Please describe the role of the University's Office of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act in its NAGPRA repatriation process.
- 4) Please describe the impacts of the updated NAGPRA regulations on the University's repatriation process.
- 5) Your prior responses noted the need to ensure proper documentation and accounting of all ancestors and funerary items prior to repatriation.
 - a) What is the University's practice for repatriation of collections when it is aware there are related items in the possession or control of a different institution?
 - b) How does the University balance the need for proper identification and its obligation for expeditious repatriation?
 - c) Provide an example of when the University decided there was insufficient information to repatriate, describe how the University made this decision, and include statutory and regulatory support.

6) When is the “preponderance of the evidence” standard applied during Indiana University’s implementation of NAGPRA?

Sincerely,



Brian Schatz
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Donde Plowman, Chancellor
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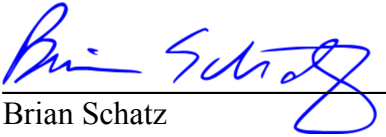
Dear Chancellor Plowman:

Thank you for your responses to the Committee's March 1, 2024 letter requesting information detailing the University of Tennessee, Knoxville's process for meeting its requirements under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA). As Vice Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, I'm writing to follow up with additional questions related to the University's initial response.

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- 1) Please provide a status update on your institution's NAGPRA compliance progress since March 1, 2024. Include in your response the following details:
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 - b) An update on the remaining number of NAGPRA-eligible items within your collection for Tribes and Native Hawaiians, respectively.
- 2) Please describe the impacts, if any, on the University's repatriation efforts since the updated NAGPRA regulations went into effect.
- 3) The University noted in its initial responses that it was in active consultation with 16 Tribes, and that it had reached out to an additional 86 Tribes to begin the consultation process. Please provide an update on the status of these consultations, including:
 - a) An update on the consultation with the 16 Native Nations regarding the 2,357 ancestral remains and 19,941 lots of funerary objects.
 - b) Your timeline for completing these consultations.
- 4) As a repository for collections under the possession or control of other institutions and agencies, please describe any barriers to repatriation and any policies or practices that would assist in removing such barriers.
- 5) Does the University have a NAGPRA policy or a dedicated NAGPRA office?

Sincerely,



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Eli Capilouto, President
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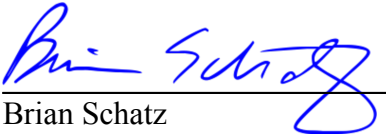
Dear President Capilouto:

Thank you for your responses to the Committee's March 1, 2024 letter requesting information detailing the University of Kentucky's process for meeting its requirements under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA). As Vice Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, I'm writing to follow up with additional questions related to the University's initial response.

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 - b) An update on the remaining number of NAGPRA-eligible items within your collection for Tribes and Native Hawaiians, respectively.
- 2) Please describe the impacts, if any, on the University's repatriation efforts since the updated NAGPRA regulations went into effect.
- 3) What specific steps has the University taken to reconcile discrepancies between historical inventory records and current records?
 - a) How many items have been reclassified or newly identified since 2019?
- 4) The University pledged to invest \$889,188 between 2023 and 2026.
 - a) Did the University fulfill its pledge?
 - b) How has that investment helped the University meet its obligations under NAGPRA?
 - c) What type of federal support could assist the University in meeting its NAGPRA obligations?
- 5) The University previously noted its goal to meet a series of consultation and regulatory requirements by January 10, 2029. Please provide a status update on these efforts.

Sincerely,

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United States Senator
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Peter J. Mohler, President
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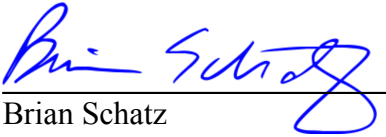
Dear President Mohler:

Thank you for your responses to the Committee's March 1, 2024 letter requesting information detailing the University of Alabama's process for meeting its requirements under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA). As Vice Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, I'm writing to follow up with additional questions related to the University's initial response.

Please respond to the following as soon as possible or within 30 calendar days:

- 1) Please provide a status update on your institution's NAGPRA compliance progress since March 1, 2024. Include in your response the following details:
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 - b) An update on the remaining number of NAGPRA-eligible items within your collection for Tribes and Native Hawaiians, respectively.
- 2) Please describe the impacts, if any, on the University's repatriation efforts since the updated NAGPRA regulations went into effect.
- 3) The University explained in 2024 that it was preparing to repatriate additional ancestral remains and funerary objects from a small number of sites associated with Moundville that were not previously included in a Notice of Inventory Completion. What is the status of these efforts?
- 4) As a repository for collections under the possession or control of other institutions and agencies, please describe any barriers to repatriation and any policies or practices that would assist in removing such barriers.

Sincerely,

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Brian Schatz
United States Senator
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Via U.S. mail and electronic mail

Suresh Garimella, President
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Dear President Garimella:

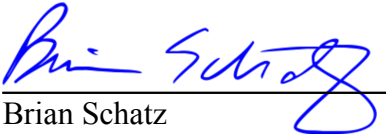
Thank you for your responses to the Committee's March 1, 2024 letter requesting information detailing the University of Arizona's process for meeting its requirements under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA). As Vice Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, I'm writing to follow up with additional questions related to the University's initial response.

Please respond to the following as soon as possible or within 30 calendar days:

- 1) Please provide a status update on your institution's NAGPRA compliance progress since March 1, 2024. Include in your response the following details:
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 - b) An update on the remaining number of NAGPRA-eligible items within your collection for Tribes and Native Hawaiians, respectively.
- 2) Please describe the impacts, if any, on the repatriation efforts of the Arizona State Museum (ASM) since the updated NAGPRA regulations went into effect.
- 3) In July 2023, ASM requested consultation with the 22 federally recognized Tribes in Arizona and met representatives from half of those Tribes. Has ASM since consulted with the remaining 11 Tribes? If not, why not? If yes, please describe the outcomes, if any, of those consultations.
- 4) In some cases, related ancestral remains and cultural items may be curated in different locations. What can the federal government do to assist with reunification of these items for a single repatriation or to help facilitate multiple repatriations? Are statutory changes needed?
- 5) Was the ASM able to meet its goal of submitting Notices of Inventory Completion and Notices of Intent to Repatriate prior to July 1, 2024?
 - a) If ASM was able to meet its goal, what best practices helped create that outcome?
 - b) If ASM could not meet its goal, what were the barriers?

- 6) When is the “preponderance of the evidence” standard applied during ASM’s implementation of NAGPRA?
- 7) As a repository for collections under the possession or control of other institutions and agencies, please describe any barriers to repatriation and any policies or practices that would assist in removing such barriers.

Sincerely,



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June 8, 2026

Via U.S. mail and electronic mail

Donald W. Landry, Interim President
University of Florida
Office of the President
P.O. Box 113150
Gainesville, FL 32611

Dear Interim President Landry:

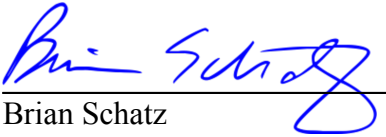
Thank you for your responses to the Committee's March 1, 2024 letter requesting information detailing the University of Florida's process for meeting its requirements under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA). As Vice Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, I'm writing to follow up with additional questions related to the University's initial response.

Please respond to the following as soon as possible or within 30 calendar days:

- 1) Please provide a status update on your institution's NAGPRA compliance progress since March 1, 2024. Include in your response the following details:
 - a) The number of Notices of Inventory Completion submitted to National NAGPRA and the number of ancestral remains and cultural items that have been repatriated to Tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations, respectively.
 - b) An update on the remaining number of NAGPRA-eligible items within your collection for Tribes and Native Hawaiians, respectively.
- 2) Please describe the impacts, if any, on the University's repatriation efforts since the updated NAGPRA regulations went into effect.
- 3) Your prior response indicated that the University of Florida is in possession of collections from several other institutions. Specifically, you indicated there are an unknown number of individuals from collections controlled by six institutions.
 - a) Which institution is responsible for determining the minimum number of individuals?
 - b) What steps, if any, have been taken to identify and further document these individuals?
 - c) What challenges has the University faced in identifying and documenting these individuals?
- 4) As a repository for collections under the possession or control of other institutions and agencies, please describe any barriers to repatriation and any policies or practices that would assist in removing such barriers.
- 5) When is the "preponderance of the evidence" standard applied during the University of Florida's implementation of NAGPRA?

- 6) In some cases, related ancestral remains and cultural items may be curated in different locations. What can the federal government do to assist with reunification of these items for a single repatriation or to help facilitate multiple repatriations? Are statutory changes needed?

Sincerely,



Brian Schatz
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Via U.S. mail and electronic mail

Mun Y. Choi, President
University of Missouri, Columbia
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Dear President Choi:

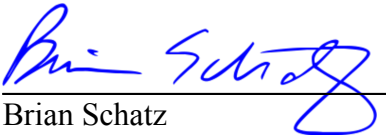
Thank you for your responses to the Committee's March 1, 2024 letter requesting information detailing the University of Missouri, Columbia's process for meeting its requirements under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA). As Vice Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, I'm writing to follow up with additional questions related to the University's initial response.

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- 1) Please provide a status update on your institution's NAGPRA compliance progress since March 1, 2024. Include in your response the following details:
 - a) The number of Notices of Inventory Completion submitted to National NAGPRA and the number of ancestral remains and cultural items that have been repatriated to Tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations, respectively.
 - b) An update on the remaining number of NAGPRA-eligible items within your collection for Tribes and Native Hawaiians, respectively.
- 2) Please describe the impacts, if any, on the University's repatriation efforts since the updated NAGPRA regulations went into effect.
- 3) In 2024, the University indicated that its goal was to repatriate approximately 700 individuals who only needed follow-up consultation. Was the University able to meet this goal?
 - a) If yes, what best practices helped create that outcome?
 - b) If not, why not? Please describe any barriers to meeting this goal.
- 4) You stated approximately four percent of your NAGPRA-eligible collections lacked geographic information, making cultural affiliation difficult but not impossible. Has the University been able to culturally affiliate these collections since your previous response? What barriers, if any, did the University encounter? What solutions would remove these barriers?
- 5) You indicated one reason for the discrepancy between the University's estimate of the number of NAGPRA items in its collections and those reported by the National NAGPRA Program is because a federal agency abandoned NAGPRA items to your custody.

- a) What is the status of these collections?
 - b) Has the agency provided funds to support your efforts to repatriate these items?
 - c) What can the federal government do to ensure collections are not abandoned and potentially never repatriated?
- 6) As a repository for collections under the possession or control of other institutions and agencies, please describe any barriers to repatriation and any policies or practices that would assist in removing such barriers.

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Joseph Harroz, Jr., President
University of Oklahoma
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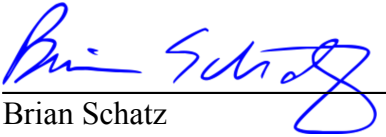
Dear President Harroz:

Thank you for your responses to the Committee's March 1, 2024 letter requesting information detailing the University of Oklahoma's process for meeting its requirements under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA). As Vice Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, I'm writing to follow up with additional questions related to the University's initial response.

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 - b) An update on the remaining number of NAGPRA-eligible items within your collection for Tribes and Native Hawaiians, respectively.
- 2) Please describe the impacts, if any, on the University's repatriation efforts since the updated NAGPRA regulations went into effect.
- 3) Please provide an update to Ms. Fitzpatrick's work on developing a central NAGPRA communication line and creating a survey to inventory the University's collections.
- 4) You provided detailed information regarding the current status of your repatriation efforts, including the need to publish Notices of Intent to Repatriate 2,090 ancestral remains and 15,738 funerary items. What has been the effect of the updated NAGPRA regulations on your repatriation process and timeline for completion?
- 5) Please update the Committee on the anonymous complaint of NAGPRA noncompliance the University received on September 8, 2023.
- 6) Please describe the impacts that the split ownership between the University of Oklahoma and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers of the seven sites in Oklahoma have on the University of Oklahoma's ability to document NAGPRA items.
- 7) As a repository for collections under the possession or control of other institutions and agencies, please describe any barriers to repatriation and any policies or practices that would assist in removing such barriers.

Sincerely,



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Jason L. King, Executive Director
Center for American Archaeology, Kampsville Archaeological Center
156 N Broadway
Kampsville, IL 62053

Dear Executive Director King:

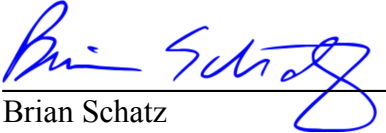
Thank you for your responses to the Committee's March 1, 2024 letter requesting information detailing the Center for American Archaeology, Kampsville Archaeological Center's process for meeting its requirements under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA). As Vice Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, I'm writing to follow up with additional questions related to CAA's initial response.

Please respond to the following as soon as possible or within 30 calendar days:

- 1) Please provide a status update on your institution's NAGPRA compliance progress since March 1, 2024. Include in your response the following details:
 - a) The number of Notices of Inventory Completion submitted to National NAGPRA and the number of ancestral remains and cultural items that have been repatriated to Tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations, respectively.
 - b) An update on the remaining number of NAGPRA-eligible items within your collection for Tribes and Native Hawaiians, respectively.
- 2) Please describe the impacts, if any, on CAA's repatriation efforts since the updated NAGPRA regulations went into effect.
- 3) Please describe any statutory barriers to repatriation, given the age of ancestral remains and cultural items curated by CAA.
- 4) Please describe the status of the CAA's consultations with Tribes, including any barriers to engaging in consultation.
 - a) What type of federal support could assist the CAA in carrying out its consultation obligations? Are statutory changes needed?
- 5) Did the May 21, 2024, multi-institutional/multi-Tribal NAGPRA consultation meeting with the Gilcrease Museum serve as a model for facilitating and expediting CAA's NAGPRA compliance? If so, how did the meeting change CAA's approach to fulfilling its responsibilities under NAGPRA?
- 6) You indicated you were made aware of an allegation of non-compliance on July 28, 2021. Please provide an update on the status of this allegation.
- 7) Have the samples that were found at the Penn Museum been transferred to CAA?
 - a) If not, what prevented their return?

b) Have these samples been repatriated?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Schatz", is written over a horizontal line.

Brian Schatz
United States Senator
Vice Chairman, Committee
on Indian Affairs

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 8, 2026

Via U.S. mail and electronic mail

Jim Davis, President
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Office of the President
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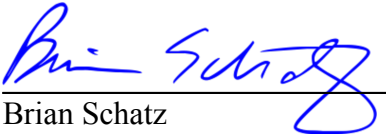
Dear President Davis:

Thank you for your responses to the Committee's March 1, 2024 letter requesting information detailing the University of Texas at Austin's process for meeting its requirements under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA). As Vice Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, I'm writing to follow up with additional questions related to the University of Texas at Austin's initial response.

Please respond to the following as soon as possible or within 30 calendar days:

- 1) Please provide a status update on your institution's NAGPRA compliance progress since March 1, 2024. Include in your response the following details:
 - a) The number of Notices of Inventory Completion submitted to National NAGPRA and the number of ancestral remains and cultural items that have been repatriated to Tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations, respectively.
 - b) An update on the remaining number of NAGPRA-eligible items within your collection for Tribes and Native Hawaiians, respectively.
- 2) Please describe the impacts, if any, on the repatriation efforts of the Texas Archaeological Research Laboratory's (TARL) since the updated NAGPRA regulations went into effect.
- 3) Please provide more details on how TARL works with the federal agencies and other institutions and localities to ensure ancestral remains and cultural items in their possession follow the most recent NAGPRA regulations.
- 4) As a repository for collections under the possession or control of other institutions and agencies, please describe any barriers to repatriation and any policies or practices that would assist in removing such barriers.
- 5) When is the "preponderance of the evidence" standard applied during TARL's implementation of NAGPRA?
- 6) Has TARL repatriated ancestral remains or cultural items for which cultural affiliation was not clearly or reasonably determined?
 - a) If so, please provide a description of the circumstances surrounding these repatriation(s) and the steps TARL took to repatriate the ancestor(s) or item(s).

Sincerely,



Brian Schatz
United States Senator
Vice Chairman, Committee
on Indian Affairs

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 8, 2026

Via U.S. mail and electronic mail

Ellen Censky, President & CEO
Milwaukee Public Museum
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Dear President & CEO Censky:

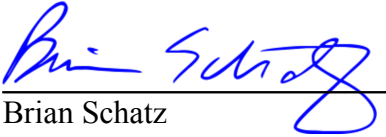
Thank you for your responses to the Committee's March 1, 2024 letter requesting information detailing the Milwaukee Public Museum's process for meeting its requirements under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA). As Vice Chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, I'm writing to follow up with additional questions related to MPM's initial response.

Please respond to the following as soon as possible or within 30 calendar days:

- 1) Please provide a status update on your institution's NAGPRA compliance progress since March 1, 2024. Include in your response the following details:
 - a) The number of Notices of Inventory Completion submitted to National NAGPRA and the number of ancestral remains and cultural items that have been repatriated to Tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations, respectively.
 - b) An update on the remaining number of NAGPRA-eligible items within your collection for Tribes and Native Hawaiians, respectively.
- 2) Please describe the impacts, if any, on MPM's repatriation efforts since the updated NAGPRA regulations went into effect.
- 3) Please provide additional background on the two examples when the MPM Repatriation Review Committee denied a repatriation request.
 - a) What were the reasons supporting denial?
 - b) Did the MPM Repatriation Review Committee provide the Tribes with revision recommendations?
 - c) Did the Tribe(s) submit a revised request based on those recommendations?
 - i) Does the MPM provide additional technical assistance to Tribes revising their repatriation request?
- 4) In your 2024 response, you noted that the Museum expected to repatriate over 150 ancestral remains and cultural items in 2024.
 - a) Please provide an update on the status and any challenges to meeting this repatriation goal.
 - b) Are there federal actions that would help support your repatriation effort?

- 5) As a repository for collections under the possession or control of other institutions and agencies, please describe any barriers to repatriation and any policies or practices that would assist in removing such barriers.

Sincerely,



Brian Schatz
United States Senator
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