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Montana Constitutional Convention
Bill of Rights Committee

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I am Mavis Scott and this is Diana Leuppe. We would like to present this testimony on behalf of the ^{Mary Cagle} Wamnbdi-Ota Club and the Tw ^{White Buffalo} Tanka Ska Indian Youth Clubs, Ft. Peck Reservation.

Inasmuch as there are many rich and diverse ethnic groups making up the people of the State of Montana, it is to the general benefit then, that these various ethnic groups be encouraged to preserve and promote their various cultural heritages, thereby enriching the total quality of life within our democratic society. It is most especially hoped that the various native peoples that now reside within the state of Montana will recognize the value of the unique heritage left to them.

We hereby request the state of Montana to recognize the need for the inclusion and implementation of culturally sensitive curricula within the public education system adapted to the ethnic groups within the area of the school district. Most especially we request that the curricula shall be relevant and sensitive to native peoples residing in the state of Montana. We would like, very simply, our history, our culture, our identity.