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SENATE EDUCATION

EXHIBIT NO. 6

DATE 3-9-05

BILL NO. HB-16

To: Montana Congress

Re: In support of House Bill #16.

I am writing this letter in support of House Bill #16 for the increase in funding for the Non-Beneficiary students at Tribal Colleges. Stone Child College is a tribal college but does provide educational services to any students that enroll.

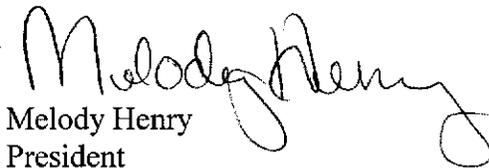
The non-beneficiary students participate in many of our campus programs that provide financial assistance. Increasing the non-beneficiary benefits would help Stone Child College provide additional services to these students. It would also assist with the added cost of educating these students since we receive no federal money for educating them.

At Stone Child College the tuition costs are extremely low to make education affordable for the community of Rocky Boy. Many non-beneficiary students take a couple classes and continue to attend SCC because of the low cost of tuition. They also receive more faculty assistance based on the fact that our classes sizes are small. We also encourage these students to learn more about the Chippewa Cree culture and the people of Rocky Boy.

Stone Child College faculty and staff fully support House Bill 16.

Thank you for your consideration of this request regarding increased funding for tribal colleges and for your support of Tribal Colleges and the students and communities they serve.

Respectfully submitted:


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President