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Letter of Support- Pearl Whitford, Chippewa-Cree

I support this cultural property rights bill to the fullest extent:

- My grandfather was good friends with Charlie Russell and Senator Frank Linderman, at that time he came here and spoke on this same thing.
- As a child I struggled in a silent world, raised as a Cree speaker school and English was hard for me but I kept going.
- My father told me that someday, I would speak among the white people in a place like this, to help keep our cultural values.
- I know that we have to protect our traditions, values and spiritual practices for our children.
- I am scared for our children. I want them to have these things, I want to teach them.
- Others come and take things from us. We must work together to protect these things. These cultural property rights have been passed down from families to families. We can't break that.
- I want these things protected. Help us protect these things.