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Letter of Support- Charles L. Tailfeathers, Cree/Blackfeet

I'm in support of Montana Tribal Governments in the protection preservation and management of all tribal cultural resources in the State of Montana to it's fullest extent of this Senate Bill.

I support research guideline and cultural protocols mentioned in New Section 1-3.

New Section 4.

I support these Sections, it gives us hope to work with the state, colleges, universities and private sector groups, while protecting our tribal culture.

In the past this protocol was never followed. We were studied without proper action; information taken from authors, writers, privateers, colleges, and universities. This Bill gives us our decision as indigenous people of the State of Montana to control traditional cultural values, spiritual practices, thus protecting Indian ways.