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President Donald Trump
The White House
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Re: Support for Nomination of Dr. Charles W. Grim for Director of the Indian Health Service

Dear President Trump:

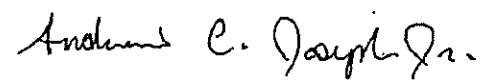
The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) is a Public Law 93-638 Tribal organization that advocates on health care issues for the 43 federally-recognized tribes in Oregon, Idaho and Washington. I am writing to you as the Chairperson of NPAIHB. The purpose of this letter and the attached resolution is to demonstrate our strong support for nomination of Dr. Charles W. Grim as Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS), Department of Health and Human Services.

Dr. Grim, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, currently serves as the Deputy Director for Health Services for the Cherokee Nation. In this role he is the second line executive in charge of a health system that includes the Cherokee Nation 60 bed W.W. Hastings Hospital (CNWWH), eight outpatient health centers, an EMS service, finance and billing services, facilities management, Jack Brown Youth Regional Treatment Center and a host of public health and community health services and programs.

Although Dr. Grim is not from our area, Northwest tribes are very familiar with the work of Dr. Grim as Director of the IHS. The Director of the IHS is a key role for American Indian/Alaska Natives in the federal government, and responsible for executing the IHS mission of raising the health status of AI/AN to the highest possible level. Dr. Grim was appointed by President George W. Bush and received unanimous Senate confirmation as the Director of the IHS. Dr. Grim administered the nationwide multi-billion dollar health care delivery program from August 2002 until September 2007. Dr. Grim has a strong health management background and during a 26 year career with the IHS held numerous clinical, administrative and executive leadership positions within the Agency prior to being appointed its Director. Dr. Grim was exemplary in his role as IHS Director and is an excellent and experienced candidate for this important position.

It is the wish of the Northwest tribes that Dr. Grim be nominated to serve another term as IHS Director.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy Joseph, Jr." in a cursive style.

Andy Joseph, Jr.
Chairman, NPAIHB
Colville Tribal Council

cc: NPAIHB Delegates
Secretary Tom Price
Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
Congressman Mark Wayne Mullin