



August 3, 2011

New Mexico Re-Districting Committee
New Mexico State Legislature
State Capitol
Santa Fe, NM 87501

RE: Letter of Appreciation and New Mexico Redistricting Reps for Navajo

Honorable Re-Districting Committee Members;

I want to express my appreciation to the 18-member Committee for taking on the once-a-decade task of ensuring equal representation for our New Mexican residents within the State Legislature and in Washington D.C. Just as this Committee has taken this arduous task of redistricting, our Navajo Nation Council has taken a similar path to address advocacy efforts within the three (3) states we occupy.

The Navajo Nation Naa'bik'iyati' Committee, which handles the intergovernmental relationships with non-Navajo, federal or state government entities, recently met to discuss the redistricting issues for Arizona, Utah and New Mexico. From those discussions came a decision to name a lead agency for redistricting efforts and to name several Navajo elected officials that will represent the voice of our Navajo Nation constituents.

The Navajo Nation Human Rights Office will be the technical group that will provide information regarding any redistricting questions the Committee may have and Honorable Leonard Tsosie and Honorable LoRenzo Bates are the appointees to represent New Mexico. Attorney Patty Williams is our lobbyist and will continue to provide assistance on NM issues, including redistricting.

We encourage the committee to take a close look at our proposals and consider our recommendations as they represent the best interests of our Navajo New Mexican residents.

Again, I want to express my appreciation for your efforts and wish all of you the best in your decisions that will impact the entire state of New Mexico. If you should have any questions, we encourage you to speak with our elected officials, lead agency and lobbyist.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Johnny Naize", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Johnny Naize, Speaker
22nd Navajo Nation Council

Attached: Resolution NABIAU-47-11
Appointment Memo, August 2, 2011