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Dear Dr. Franklin:

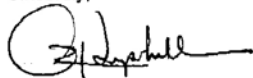
I'm writing in follow up to our appeal. You asked me to update you should other relevant developments occur.

Within the last two months, the people of the Standing Rock Reservation conducted referenda during which a wide majority of the people on that Reservation indicated their support for the University of North Dakota's use of the Sioux nickname. This culminated in the letter you received yesterday.

Furthermore, the leaders of the Spirit Lake Tribe who visited here – the entire tribal council – indicated they stand by the resolution passed by the Tribal Council in the year 2000, a copy of which you have. Thus, the University of North Dakota has the permission of all of the Sioux Tribes based in North Dakota.

Given the fact that the NCAA has given great weight to the permission of local namesake tribes, we expect that UND will be granted the same exemption from your policy as has been granted to other schools having the support of their namesake tribes.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Kupchella
President

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