

APRIL 3, 1968.

Representative JAMES A. HALEY; Senator ROMAN L. HRUSKA; Senator CARL T. CURTIS; Representative ED EDMONDSON; REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT V. DENNEY; Representative JOHN P. SAYLOR; Representative GLENN CUNNINGHAM
WASHINGTON, D.C.:

We understand congressional opposition to Indian amendment to civil rights bill is mounting. Amendment 430 and S. 1843 contain identical provisions which clarify constitutional rights of American Indians. Request your full support of these provisions.

ALFRED W. GILPIN,
Chairman, Omaha Tribal Council.

HUALAPAI TRIBAL COUNCIL,
Palm Springs, Ariz., March 27, 1968.

ROYAL D. MARKS,
Phoenix, Ariz.

DEAR MR. MARKS: This is what I have sent to the following: Wayne Aspinall, James Haley, Morris Udall, John Rhodes, and Sam Steiger.

The Hualapai Tribe through its governing body the Hualapai Tribal Council endorses and prefers that the Civil Rights Bill be passed as it came out of the Senate. Indian Tribes have been trying for fifteen years to get P.L. 280 amended to provide for Indian consent.

Sincerely,

RUPERT PARKER,
Chairman.

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS,
Washington, D.C., December 27, 1967.

THE PRESIDENT,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

MR. PRESIDENT: Shortly before the first session of the 90th Congress was adjourned, the U.S. Senate passed S. 1843 referred to as the Indian Rights Bill. This action by the Senate is lauded by many tribal leaders as marking a very important milestone in Federal and Indian relationship of this country.

In my opinion, there is no other omnibus Indian legislation pending before the Congress that will erase the apprehensions of our Indian people than to see an enactment of Indian rights legislation such as S. 1843. An Indian rights legislation would do more for Indian tribes in assisting them to initiate and engage with greater efforts to improve social and economic conditions in our Indian communities.

In view of the fact that the Senate approved S. 1843, it needs the support of the U.S. House of Representatives. I respectfully request, Mr. President, that you encourage the second session of the 90th Congress to enact a Indian rights legislation. The recent civil rights legislations have never been explicit in including a comprehensive Indian rights legislation. The opportunity to pass such a legislation is now at hand with S. 1843. I trust that the House will pass Indian rights legislation that is needed and long overdue. This is important to the first citizens of this country.

The Congress of the United States also needs to repudiate the present policy of terminating Indian tribes and declare a new policy of termination affecting Indian tribes. A new policy statement will remove all psychological impediments that stifle development of Indian tribes. Indian tribes fear full development or progress because their progress might be interpreted that a certain tribe is ready for withdrawal of Federal and tribal relationship without their consent. It is my hope that the forthcoming session of Congress will declare a new policy and usher in a new era of beneficial Indian legislation.

Yours respectfully,

WENDELL CHINO,
President.