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Secretary of the Interior Debra Haaland
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Greetings Secretary of the Interior Haaland

The traditional Cayuga Nation Council of Chiefs, Clanmothers, Faithkeepers, men, women, and children send greetings and are hopeful this letter finds you and your family in good health and spirits in these unprecedented times. We would also at this time like to congratulate you in being appointed Secretary of the Department of the Interior. We extend our hand in honor and support you as a friend and fellow North American Native in the great responsibility that now rests upon your shoulders.

The Cayugas are a nation within the Haudenosaunee Confederacy which is also comprised of the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Seneca, and Tuscarora Nation-also known as the Six Nations Confederacy. The Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the United States of America have a special relationship that dates to the first President, George Washington and the 1794 Treaty of Canandaigua. Article IV of the Canandaigua Treaty states, "... never to claim the same, not to disturb them, or any of the Six Nations or their Indian Friends residing thereon, and united with them, in the free use and enjoyment thereof ..."

Our two nations established a relationship of peace, friendship, and mutual respect, symbolized by the Silver Covenant Chain/Friendship Wampum belt and a relationship of coexistence and non-interference as embodied within the 1794 Canandaigua Treaty.

Article VII of the Canandaigua Treaty states, "... complaint shall be made by the party injured, to the other: by the Six Nations or any of them, to the President of the United States."

Article VI of the United States Constitution clearly states that "All Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land."

Protocol dictates that we would send a runner with an invitation wampum that would contain our words on a request for a meeting. While in this pandemic we do not think this is a possibility.

Therefore, we would like to offer your office the opportunity to begin the discussions with Hanadagá:nyahs, President Biden, on reaffirming the nation-to-nation relationship that is currently enshrined through treaties and to repolish the Silver Covenant Chain with the United States of America.

We look forward to your immediate response.

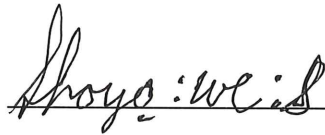
Due to the ongoing pandemic the traditional Cayuga Nation Council has been holding virtual meetings. In consultation with the below listed Cayuga Chiefs, it has been determined that Shoyq:we:s and Deskaheh will sign on behalf of the traditional Cayuga Council of Chiefs.

In peace and friendship,

Cayuga Nation Council of Chiefs

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| Gadagwá:sə` | Andy Warner |
| Hagya`drohne` | Blake Bomberry |
| Deyohqvé:tq:` | Roger Silversmith |
| Hadqdá:heha` | William C. Jacobs |

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