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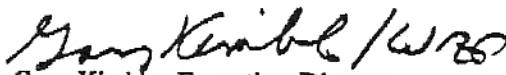
Honorable Morris K. Udall, Chairman
Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs
U.S. House of Representatives
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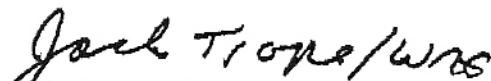
Dear Mr. Chairman:

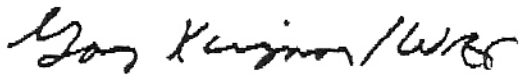
With this letter, the Association on American Indian Affairs, the Native American Rights Fund, the National Congress of American Indians, and the Society for American Archaeology would like to jointly offer our endorsement of H.R. 5237, the Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act, as it was marked up by the Committee on October 10, 1990. Attached is a letter from the American Association of Museums indicating that they also support H.R. 5237.

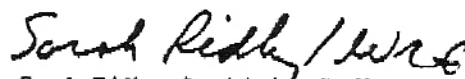
Because of its broad-based support, we hope and believe that this bill will create a workable framework fostering sensitivity and cooperation in achieving the appropriate repatriation of Native American human remains and cultural objects. We are grateful to you, to the Committee members, and to the Committee staff for working with all of us in the drafting legislation that has earned the support of these Indian, museum, and scientific organizations.

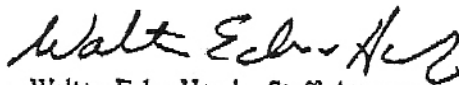
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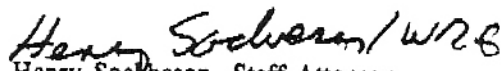

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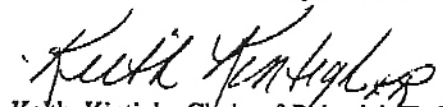

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cc: Honorable Daniel K. Inouye



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To whom it may concern:

The bill H.R. 5237, as amended and reported out by the House Interior Committee on 10 October 1990, accurately reflects agreements made between the American Association of Museums and Native American representatives regarding that piece of legislation. Therefore, the AAM is able to support passage of H.R. 5237.

If you have further questions regarding AAM's position on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Geoffrey Platt, AAM's director of government affairs, at 202-289-1818.

Yours sincerely,

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