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President Barack Hussein Obama
The White House
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Hello, President Obama:

As you contemplate responding to the Assad regime's alleged use of chemical weapons in Syria, would you please give greater consideration to responding to a *much greater need* here, at home, in the United States of America?

At the conclusion of World War II the United States was primarily responsible for rebuilding Japan and most of Europe. As you know, it's been the history of the United States to send millions and billions of dollars to build or rebuild dozens and dozens *and dozens* of regimes. Unfortunately, the United States of America has never given the same *economic* and *political* considerations to Native Americans.

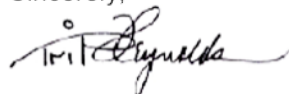
As you know, not only did the United States of America engage in genocide against nearly all tribes, but also the United States of America consistently broke nearly every treaty. As you should know, the Trail of Tears and other atrocities suffered by Native American predates the Palestinian and Israeli conflict, and the United States has refused to *equitably* deal with this injustice. For example, claims concerning ownership of the Gaza Strip pale in comparison to equally legitimate claims to create the Republic of Lakotah, a sovereign nation, with property rights over thousands of square miles in South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming and Montana. Even in the wake of the death of Russell Means, the creation of a sovereign Native American nation, the Republic of Lakotah, remains legitimate.

As you should know, Chief Standing Bear of the Ponca tribe predates the non-violence later championed by Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr., but it was not until Chief Standing Bear successfully argued in U.S. District Court in 1879 in Omaha that Native Americans are, in fact, "persons within the meaning of the law" and have the right of *habeas corpus*. Nevertheless, *your administration*, as with your predecessors, continues to treat Native Americans as less than "people" and continues to allow Native Americans to "exist" in the United States of America in a third-world status on reservations (where Hitler got the idea for his "concentration camps") that remain centers of poverty and rampant unemployment; and where *alcohol has consistently been used as a "chemical weapon" to kill and enslave Native Americans*. What happened to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for Native Americans?

In summary, President Obama, I strongly encourage you to lower the "threat level" currently placed on Assad's regime, and raise the "threat level" to finally establish equitable treatment (not hand-outs) for the *economic and political sovereignty* of Native Americans. You should do this. Please, let the equitable treatment of Native Americans be the ultimate hallmark of your presidency.

I wish you continued success, and equal measures of health and wellness for your family.

Sincerely,



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A Concerned Citizen of the United States of America