NCUIH Endorsed Bill Introduced by Sen. Warren, Rep. Davids and Rep. Cole on National Day of Rememberance

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On September 30th, 2021, in recognition of the National Day of Remembrance, Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Congresswoman Sharice Davids (D-KS-3) and Congressman Tom Cole (R-OK-4) Introduced the *Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies in the United States Act.* This NCUIH endorsed bill would create a Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies in the United States. Tasked with investigating and documenting the Indian boarding school policies and the historical and ongoing trauma that resulted, the Commission provides an environment for Native people to speak about their personal experiences and will provide recommendations to the government. Working in collaboration with other agencies, the Commission would also develop recommendations for the federal government on how to acknowledge the trauma and help Native communities heal.

The federal government funded these boarding schools as recently as the 1960s, specifically to wipe out Indigenous cultures. Children were forcibly removed from their families and experienced horrific emotional, physical, and sexual abuse while in custody of these schools. The Commission not only highlights the government's role in the abuse but will also build on the work of Secretary Haaland and the Department of the Interior in examining what happened at these schools.

Please contact your congressmembers and ask them to co-sponsor the *Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies in the United States Act*.