



# BLACKFEET NATION

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June 13, 2012

Thomas Rodgers  
Carlyle Consulting  
911 Crescent Drive  
Alexandria, Virginia 22302

Dear Tom,

On behalf of the Blackfeet Nation and the Many Hides/Burnside family, it is with supreme gratitude that we reach out to you today across the oceans of grass and saw toothed Rocky Mountains to thank you for being able to identify with our suffering from the loss of our brother, Anthony Burnside. It is this communion of compassion which we the Blackfeet Nation hear, feel and above all see in your actions. Such an act of grace needs no more illustration for it is everything.

Death, we know comes and always out of season. The loss and thus the pain are especially difficult for our young for even those in the service to our nation are caught unaware by deaths embrace. We know that there will come a time that Anthony's memory will not be washed with tears of sadness because of how it ended but with tears of happiness because of how he lived. We know as you do by your healing prayer that it is time for us to be **Aak sis to** — brave — for Anthony's children and wife, as he was for our nation in his last moment.

Sincerely,

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Chairperson Margie Mejia  
Lytton Rancheria  
Lytton Band of Pomo Indians  
1300 N. Dutton Ave. Suite A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

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Chairman Neil Peyron  
Tule River Indian Nation  
340 N Reservation Rd  
Route 7, Box 306  
Porterville, CA 93257

Dear Chairman Peyron,

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Honorable Chairperson Mejia,

On behalf of Anthony Burnside, his children, his family and the entire Blackfeet Nation and the Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders, I wish to extend our deepest gratitude to you for your gracious act of kindness, generosity and friendship with our sudden loss. I am sorry it has taken this long to write, however the loss of Tony was sudden and devastating. It softens the heartbreak and eases the soul a bit when someone you have never met reaches out a helping hand in time of need. Tony Burnside, not only gave his life for the defense of the United States, but also for our Blackfeet Nation. In that sacrifice, I hope our Blackfeet people and other Indian Nations can be comforted in the fact that we still have a strong tradition of Warriors throughout Indian Country.

Your act of kindness no longer comes from a stranger, but from a friend, a brother or a sister that believes in the same core values and personal dedication that Tony possessed. We can only repay your act of kindness through our prayers to the Creator for you and your family.

Our tribe, *Amskapi Pikuni*, believe that once you have passed from this life to the other, you make a journey to our sacred Sand Hills with those that have made the journey before. We have only a short time here in this life and how we define that life is how we will be remembered.

*“What is life? It is the flash of a firefly in the night. It is the breath of a buffalo in the wintertime. It is the little shadow which runs across the grass and loses itself in the sunset.”*  
~ Crowfoot, *Siksika (Blackfoot) Warrior and Orator*

We are comforted today, knowing that as Anthony made that Warrior journey, he also made a friend with the Lytton Pomo people. . We will always be grateful for your friendship for our Anthony.

With deepest thanks and gratitude,

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We are comforted today, knowing that as Anthony made that Warrior journey, he also made a friend with the people of the Tule River Nation. We will always be grateful for your friendship for our Anthony.

With deepest thanks and gratitude,

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