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I hope this invitation finds you well.

My name is Jon Brady, and I am the President of the Native American Church of North America (NACNA), representing 27 affiliated chapters and over 350,000 members across the United States and Canada. I am an enrolled member of the Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nations (MHA) of the Three Affiliated Tribes, Fort Berthold Reservation in North Dakota.

For 76 years, NACNA has been dedicated to protecting our ancient intertribal religious practices. Since 2021, we've been actively advocating for the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (AIRFA) and its 1994 amendments. We have secured support from numerous tribal nations and organizations, including NCAI, C.O.L.T, UINO, GPTCA, GLITC, Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council, ATNI, and United Tribes of North Dakota, alongside legal support from Justin Jones Law Firm and Hobbs and Strass LLC. We also proposed an Executive Order to the White House Initiative on Advancing Equity, Protection and Preservation of American Indian and Alaska Native Religious Freedom.

NACNA will host a Symposium on June 18-19, 2025, in Denver, Colorado, and we would be honored to invite you to join our panel of speakers. This event will bring together senators, ceremonial practitioners, and tribal leaders to address critical issues facing Native American religious freedom.

Specifically, we are addressing the concerning inclusion of our sacred medicine, Peyote, within Colorado's Proposition 122, alongside other psychedelic substances. Peyote (*Lophophora Williamsii* Mescaline) is federally protected under AIRFA and should not be categorized as a drug. This categorization, and the potential exploitation of natural plant medicines by pharmaceutical companies, represents a violation of the government's federal trust responsibilities.

Our advocacy now extends to the protection of all ceremonies, sacred sites, traditional medicines, foods, and languages. We recognize these as essential elements of our sovereignty.

Please feel free to contact me at brady_jon@hotmail.com or 701-421-4343. Thank you for your time and consideration. We hope to see you in Denver.

Sincerely,

Jon Brady, President
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