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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL TRIBAL COUNCILS
FROM: CAROL J. BROWN, AVCP GENERAL COUNSEL/TRIBAL ADVOCATE *WB*
SUBJECT: TRIBAL COUNCILS REVIEW AND COMMENTS ON HOUSE BILL 199
DATE: AUGUST 12, 2013

The purpose of this memorandum is to request your Tribal Council's review and comment on the recent House Bill 199 that was introduced by Representative Bryce Edgmon in April, 2013.

This HB 199 is "An Act relating to Department of Public Safety regulations allowing village public safety officers to carry firearms." As you know, VPSOs are currently not allowed, by state law, to carry firearms, and this bill would change that.

We appreciate your Tribal Council's opinion and comments by September 16, 2013, 4:30 p.m. Rep. Edgmon is holding a hearing on this bill shortly thereafter, so we want to ensure we have input from our Tribes prior to then. Please direct your comments on the proposed bill, rather than providing an opinion on whether or not the person who is currently serving as a VPSO in your village is capable of being armed during duty. If this bill is passed, there will be thorough testing and training to make sure that whomever is allowed to carry a handgun is competent and fully trained.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Brown, at 800.478.3521 ext: 7305.

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** Jimmy R. Stevens Sr.
President*

We are opposed to the bill for we think the weapon could be taken away from the officers and more village member people get killed.

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