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**From:** Susan A <susanallmeroth@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Senate Education  
**Subject:** HJR 17

I am writing to express my strong support for House Joint Resolution 17 (HJR 17), which urges the United States Congress to pass the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act.

As a concerned citizen, I believe that this resolution represents an essential step toward acknowledging historical injustices and promoting healing within our communities.

**The Importance of HJR 17:**

**Historical Acknowledgment:**

HJR 17 recognizes the painful legacy of Indian boarding schools and their impact on American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities.

By acknowledging this history, we honor the resilience and strength of those who endured these institutions.

**Truth and Reconciliation:**

A Truth and Healing Commission provides a platform for truth-telling, reconciliation, and understanding.

It allows survivors, families, and affected communities to share their stories and seek closure.

**Why We Must Act:**

**Healing Trauma:**

The trauma caused by Indian boarding schools persists across generations.

Addressing this trauma through a commission is essential for the well-being of our communities.

**Compassionate Approach:**

HJR 17 reflects our commitment to compassion and empathy.

It demonstrates our willingness to confront painful history and work toward healing.

**Call to Action:**

I urge you to support HJR 17 and advocate for its passage. Let us stand together in recognizing the past while fostering a path toward healing and reconciliation. Our collective commitment to justice and compassion demands nothing less.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I appreciate your dedication to serving our state and its diverse communities. I would very much love to see this move forward from our state.

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