

UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

HEARING ON
“SETTING THE STANDARD:
DOMESTIC IMPLICATIONS OF THE U.N. DECLARATION
ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES”

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Good afternoon, Chairman Akaka, Vice Chairman Barrasso, and members of the Committee.

My name is Lindsay Robertson and I am the Judge Haskell A. Holloman Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the Center for the Study of American Indian Law and Policy at the University of Oklahoma College of Law. From 2006-2008, I served as Private Sector Advisor to the United States Delegation to the Working Group on the Draft U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The following is an outline of the subjects I will briefly address in my remarks. I will supplement this outline with a more complete written statement following the hearing.

- I. Background of the Declaration
- II. The Declaration in International Context
- III. Domestic Implications
 - A. Current Efforts: Education, Health, Safety, Infrastructure, Jobs
 - B. Future Efforts: Process/Consultation, Reconsideration of Fundamentals (Land, Sacred Sites, Self-governance)

Thank you.

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