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Senator Brian Schatz
Chair, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
722 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Schatz,

I am deeply concerned by the level of sexual assault experienced by American Indian and Alaska Native women and the lack of adequate post-rape care they receive. More than one in three Native women will be raped at some point in their lives. These women deserve justice for the crimes committed against them, but they are not getting it. The first step to ensuring a successful prosecution is an effective sexual assault forensic examination. However, Indian Health Service (IHS) clinics and hospitals often do not:

- consistently provide rape kits
- have someone on site trained to administer the rape kit
- ensure staff testify if a rape is ever brought to trial
- adequately track data on sexual assault services provided

I call on you as Chair of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs to hold a hearing investigating this issue and help ensure that IHS is consistently providing the post-rape care that Native women need and deserve.

Sincerely,

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