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Dear Director Tso,

I am writing to ask you to implement sexual assault protocols across IHS centers and protect Native women's healthcare. Sexual violence against women is not only a criminal or social issue, but also a human rights abuse. Native American and Alaska Native women are 2.5 times more likely to be raped than non-Native women in the United States: 1 in 3 Native women will be raped during her lifetime. Although IHS has protocols for responding to sexual assault, Native health activists report that these protocols are unevenly, if ever, implemented.

Unequal access to sexual assault care threatens the safety and rights of Native women throughout the United States. IHS sexual assault protocols must be consistently upheld and implemented.

All women have the right to be safe and free from violence, the right to adequate and equal health care, and the right to justice. That's why I am calling on Indian Health Service to ensure that sexual assault protocols are fully implemented across all IHS centers and IHS contract facilities.

Please respect the rights of Native women and ensure that all Native women have full and equal access to the comprehensive care they need and deserve after sexual assault.

Sincerely,

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