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# Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives Operation Lady Justice

## Listening Session Notes NCAI Winter Session February 12, 2020, 1:00-2:00 p.m. Washington, DC

Attendees	
<b>Task Force Co-Chairs:</b>	Katie Sullivan, Tara Sweeney
<b>Task Force Members:</b>	Laura Rogers, Charlie Addington, Jeannie Hovland
<b>Executive Director:</b>	Marcia Good

<b>Listening Session</b>	
<b><u>Speaker</u></b>	<b><u>Comments</u></b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Problems include lack of LE in Alaska</li> <li>• First responders not trained for response to crime</li> <li>• Victims wait hours/days for response due to PL280 and state response</li> <li>• Alaska has half of the tribes, but no BIA dollars for LE</li> <li>• Alaska has the most horrible stats and is the most violent</li> <li>• 40% of victims are NA and they are only 18% of the population</li> <li>• Show commitment to IC by fully funding PL 280 states</li> <li>• Start an Advisory Council of Tribal Leaders to assist with OLJ</li> <li>• Think about adopting a new consultation policy for the TF itself</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glad TF is acknowledging that problem includes men and boys</li> <li>• There are hard jurisdictional issues in communities</li> <li>• We need to get beyond saying that people aren't missing in our area and thus there is no problem</li> <li>• Glad this is a working group who is going to get things done</li> <li>• Glad that the stakeholders can come together in this way</li> <li>• Feel sorry for PL-280 states, should be changed</li> </ul>
<b><u>TF Response</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men and boys are in no way excluded from this work</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applaud the Secretary and the AG for elevating this problem</li> <li>• We are seeking answers, because we have seen so many missing, murdered, unsolved</li> <li>• Tribal organizations can come together to help</li> <li>• Alaska must acknowledge that tribes exist</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All must understand that when one goes missing in our community, it affects us all</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grass roots group in Arizona who has come together to work on this</li> <li>• What is the TF going to do to work with the state/local taskforces</li> <li>• There is a GAP in resources and a lack of communication</li> <li>• We need to have funding after these things happen, trauma</li> <li>• We are grateful you are here to listen, we will work together to build a response</li> <li>• We are not here to point fingers but to come with solutions</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a process that goes in a cycle and we need help for people to break that cycle</li> <li>• We need agencies to work together</li> <li>• People are suffering</li> <li>• Need services after events to deal with effects and have a continuum of care</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If I don't stand up and speak, I'll continue to be part of the problem</li> </ul>

