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Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
1100 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 809
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Dear Council:

We have reviewed the **Draft Policy Statement Regarding Treatment of Burial Sites, Human Remains, and Funerary Objects**. We have carefully reviewed the scope and applicability and agree with the recommendations concerning how Federal agencies should conduct inventories during the Section 106 process. We reviewed the relationship between the Policy Statement and NAGPRA. We reviewed the points raised in Principles 1-8.

After careful review and discussion between staff members, we agree with the goals, scope applicability and principles of the Draft Policy.

Sincerely,

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