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Mr. Tom McCulloch  
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1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 809  
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Comments on Working Principles for Revising the ACHP Policy Statement Regarding Treatment of Human Remains and Grave Goods

Dear Mr. McCulloch:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the ACHP's Working Principles for Revising the ACHP Policy Statement Regarding Treatment of Human Remains and Grave Goods.

The Native American Heritage Commission recommends that you also include California tribes that are not federally recognized as equal partners in determining the terms for preservation, mitigation, treatment and disposition of human remains. We recommend that in doing so, the ACHP should utilize the Native American Heritage Commission as the source of contact information, as outlined in California Government Code 62542.3. These California Indians have an inherent right to be involved in discussions regarding the disposition of their ancestors' remains. There are many regions of California in which Section 106 is applied, yet there are no federally recognized tribes. Often this results in what we believe to be inadequate protection for the human resources and artifacts.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Myers".

Larry Myers  
Executive Secretary