Oneida Nation Area Legislative Races

Did you know it was not until 1970 that Native Americans were ensured the ability to vote across the nation? That is CRAZY!!! Therefore, it is our duty as Oneida citizens to utilize our dual citizenship and participate in the electoral process. November 8th is a big election for state and federal elections and we hope you get out and vote!

It is a fact that local, state, and fed- ing for our health center, language pro- and we need to be heard. eral elections have an impact on our way of life. Regardless how you feel about these elections, it important you vote for candidates who understand who were are and our issues. If we do not engage, the compliancy about the outcome of the election could have a negative impact on such things as fund- and our Nation. Our vote is our voice

grams, and education.

The Oneida Nation has been working diligently to increase our voter turn-out numbers. By empowering ourselves with knowledge about the candidates we become informed voters who can vote in the best interest of our people

If we maximize the number of Oneida citizens who register and vote on Election Day, we do our part to help candidates get elected that will listen and respond to our concerns. With your vote, we can make a difference in the upcoming election.

Wisconsin State Senate

Senate Districts Near, but do not include, Oneida Reservation. Senate District 30

Sen. Dave Hansen (D-Green Bay)

A great example is Thornberry Creek.

By working together we helped save

Thornberry Creek from possible closure.

This amazing course, will host an LPGA

event beginning next year, an event that

will bring thousands of people and millions of dollars to our area and economy.

But I want to do more to create an

Wisconsin currently ranks 36th in the

Investing in our public schools will

Making technical college affordable

for those who aren't college bound can

help them find family-supporting ca-

Allowing over 800,000 residents to

refinance their student loans can put

more money into their pockets and our

Restoring the Equal Pay Enforcement

Act so women are paid the same as men

for doing the same work is not only the

give every child the opportunity to suc-

economy that truly works for all of us.

nation for job creation.

We can do better.

ceed as adults.

reers.

- Eric Wimberger (R-Green Bay)

Senator Dave Hansen, (D-Green Bay)

I'm proud to have a strong relationship with the Oneida Nation. It's a relationship I place a great deal of importance on because you are a major driver of our area's success.



right thing to do, it will truly help struggling fami-

And we can create more demand for Wisconsin made products by providing incentives to state and local government to buy the

goods and services they use from local businesses.

These are the priorities I've been fighting for and will keep fighting for. Because making our state and region a success starts with everyone having a good paying job.

• Eric Wimberger, (R-Green Bay)

Born and raised in the area, I learned about the Oneida Nation, its history, and its significance. Now an attorney, I've represented members in State and Tribal Courts for personal matters and in matters of Tribal significance. I'm familiar with challenges within the Oneida Nation, and also its great opportunities to-

After high school I attended college at St. Cloud State University. Between college and law school I drove a semitruck to save money. With my law degree from Marquette, I joined the U.S. Marines as a Judge Advocate. Honorably discharging a Captain, I started my solo practice in downtown Green Bay.

Senate District 2*

- Sen. Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay)^
- John N. Powers (D-Wittenberg)
- * District includes all of Oneida Reservation





^No information provided by candidates.

• Wisconsin Assembly •

Assembly District 1*

- Rep. Joel Kitchen (D-Sturgeon Bay)^
- Lynn Utesch (D-Kewaunee)^
- * District near, but do not include Oneida Reservation. Edges southeastern border.





^No information provided by candidates.

• Eric Wimberger, (R-Green Bay) cont.

I believe keeping government local is the best way to maintain a community of people vested in their future and focused on helping each other to achieve goals. Understanding that tax payments are not a voluntary act, we also owe it to each other to handle our own affairs personally before turning to government funded programs. I prefer a government that is as small and focused as it can be while serving important societal functions.

I propose a different solution to issues than my opponent. I won't raid our dedicated funds, sacrificing long term needs like infrastructure to solve short term issues. I'll focus on empowering local communities and individuals by keeping government efficient. And, I won't leave the state to prevent voting at the Capitol. After 15 years of the same representation, I hope to introduce new and positive change for the 30th Senate District.

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

MAKE SURE YOU'RE IN



Election Day is Tuesday November 8th, 2016

• Wisconsin Assembly •

District includes northeastern border of Oneida Reservation. Wisconsin Assembly District 4

Rep. David Steffen (R-Howard) - Tony Lee (D-Green Bay)

 Rep. David Steffen, (R-Howard)

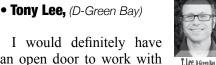


It has been my honor and privilege to represent the

Oneida Nation people and their interests in the Wisconsin Legislature for the last two years. As this was my first term as a state legislator, I was thankful to receive the education, communication and cooperation from many General Tribal Council leaders and government relation staff. This support and connection has been instrumental in ensuring my decisions were informed and thoughtful when involving the Oneida Nation.

I am hopeful the voters have found me to be honest, respectful, responsive and genuinely interested in supporting the sovereignty and prosperity of the Oneida Nation. I look forward to building upon our two-year relationship, and continuing to work together on challenges and opportunities facing the Oneida Nation.

• Tony Lee, (D-Green Bay)



Oneida Nation members to improve the quality of our communities and our people. I believe that we share the same goals of our great state-to better our children's future, create an economy that leaves no one behind and to see the well being of Oneida Nation members and non-members improve.

Working at a clinic for the uninsured in Green Bay, I have seen, first hand, the struggles and frustrations that a working person/family goes through. Oneida Nation members are going through many of same struggles. We need a Representative, like myself, who will be there for the PEOPLE--Oneida Nation members and non-members alike. I have seen the

struggles and frustrations of a family living check to check. I will be there, with empathy and understanding, to do what I can to help. My opponent has not stood up for the average person, Oneida Nation member/nonmember and his voice has not been a voice of change.

I'm a political outsider. I will be fighting to get money out of WI politics, for better transparency, higher paying jobs, public education, Medicaid expansion and tax fairness, just to name a few. I will be standing up for 'average Joe/ Jane', which includes Oneida Nation members, and to help bring their voices back to Madison.

> Thank you, Tony Lee tonyleeforassembly.com

District includes small northern corner of Oneida Reservation Wisconsin Assembly District 6

- Rep. Gary Tauchen (R-Bonduel) ^ - William James Switalla (Wittenberg)

• William James Switalla,

(I-Wittenberg)



Earlier this year, I made the decision to run for the State

Assembly. As a small business owner, local elected official, and parent, I felt that Madison is currently out of step with our values and I should do something about it.

Over the past few months, I have met countless great people and listened to their stories. I've met folks of all backgrounds and they generally tell me one thing: Madison isn't working for them. I completely agree.

Years ago my late friend Roger Breske taught me that government isn't about political parties, it's about good

ideas. We need leaders who talk less, listen more and get things done regardless of who came up with the idea.

As an elected official, I know what it's like to listen, make laws and solve problems. That experience includes making sure our roads are repaired, services remain accessible, and

We all want Wisconsin to be a place people choose to live, not a place where people happen to stay. Over 30 years ago, my wife and I chose to raise our family and to run a small business here. Seven children, nine grandchildren and a strong business later, I'm very happy we made that choice.

keeping our land and water clean.

Now I hope my kids and grandkids to make Wisconsin their choice. Let's make smart decisions and give them a reason to do so. If you live in the Sixth Assembly District, I ask for your vote on Tuesday, November 8th.

William Switalla is the Democratic nominee for Assembly District 6. He is a small business owner, the Village President of Wittenberg and a member of the Shawano County Board

District includes vast majority of Oneida Reservation. Wisc. Assembly District 5

- Rep. Jim Steineke (R-Kaukauna) - Sam Kelly (D-Kaukauna) ^

 Rep. Jlm Steineke, (R-Kaukauna)

hopes and dreams.

I have to admit that prior

knowledge regarding the challenges

that faced the Oneida's. Since then, I've

been able to meet on occasion with your

elected officials and tour the reserva-

tion. What I found is that while there are

struggles that are unique to the Oneida

people, we all generally share the same

When I first ran for office, I ran on a

commitment that I would work as hard

as I could to bring a voice for our fami-

lies to Madison. As a father with three

kids at home, I understand the impact

that my votes have on our families back

home and it's a perspective that I think

to being elected, I had little





is important to have as a representative. Every time I vote on a bill, it is done based on how it will affect all of our families.

I'm proud of our record. Our unemployment rate has gone from 9% to 4.1%. More people are working today than at any point in Wisconsin's history. We've held the line on taxes, critical to our families as they try to make ends meet. We've reformed state government again and again to make it more efficient and responsive. And we've responded when issues specific to tribal governments in Wisconsin have arisen. We may not always agree on the path we take to the destination we share, but if we continue a dialogue based on trust and mutual respect, we will all get there together. I'd appreciate your support.

^ No Submission

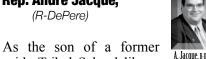


District edges the southeastern border of Oneida Reservation. Wisconsin Assembly District 2

· Rep. André Jacque (R-DePere)

- Mark Grams (I-Two Rivers)

Rep. André Jacque, (R-DePere)



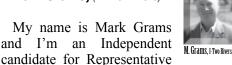
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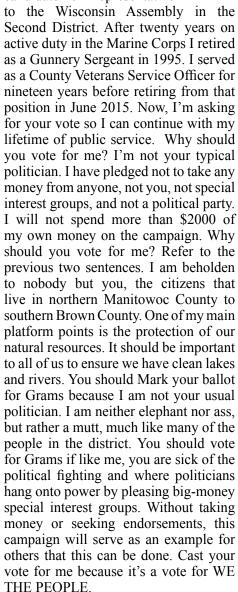
ian, I have a great respect for the Oneida people. It is a tremendous honor to serve as a voice for the people of southern Brown and northern Manitowoc counties in the State Assembly, both through the legislative process and as a constituent advocate with state agencies. I am proud to have taken a leading role in enacting bi-partisan, common-sense reforms that remove barriers to job creation, improve workforce development, enhance public safety, reduce costs for local government and taxpayers, and honor our veterans (including the many Oneidas who have served so courageously at home and abroad).

I am pleased to support and work with local school districts which are being recognized for their best practices in academic and career planning. We need to better match workers with training opportunities for the family supporting jobs that are available to them. We have to make sure that when individuals find themselves out of a job, they are not discouraged by the intricacies of Wisconsin's Unemployment Insurance in pursuing coursework that enhances their long term earnings potential. We also need to address the many root causes (addiction, family, safety, legal and health issues) that prevent students from completing their chosen degree path.

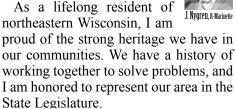
Please feel free to contact me any time on my cellphone at (920) 819-8066 or email me at Andre.Jacque@gmail. com with questions or legislative ideas. Thank you!

• Mark Grams, (I-Two Rivers)









Wisconsin Assembly District 89

- Rep. John Nygren (R-Marinette)

District edges the northern border of Oneida Reservation.

This past session, I worked to expand upon a package of bills called the HOPE Agenda (Heroin, Opioid Prevention and Education). I worked with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to address issues of drug abuse and addiction. These pieces of legislation have saved lives, and I am proud have played a part in these positive efforts. Moving forward, I plan to research policies that could expand access to treatment opportunities for those who struggle with addiction.

Moreover, I will continue to work as an ally for Wisconsin's most vulnerable populations. Last session we restored proposed cuts to the SeniorCare program so our seniors are able to afford their prescription medications. It's important to invest in the health of Wisconsin residents; in the 2015-17 state budget, we allocated over \$1 billion to Medicaid.

Thank you to the people of northeastern Wisconsin for electing me to serve you in the State Assembly. I look forward to working with you in the future as we continue our commitment to our area. Together, we will ensure our communities remain a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

• Heidi Fencl, (D-Sobieski)

I hope to earn your vote because I respect people

- Heidi Fencl (D-Sobieski)

and the environment. strongly support public education, fair wages and voice in working conditions, and affordable access to comprehensive health care. First, I will help Wisconsin return to our history of funding public education at all levels, and work to fix the funding formula to address equity in opportunity. Second, it is unconscionable that full time work does not mean people can support themselves. About 1/4 of hourly workers in Wisconsin make less than the poverty level wage—I want to raise the minimum wage to address that. Finally, by accepting federal health care funding Wisconsin could have insured 63,000 more people. It is not right to use real people as pawns for political ideology, nor to defund mental health and in-home support for corporate tax breaks.

I also understand that water systems, air and soil are interconnected and irreplaceable. We need to repeal laws some of the worst in the nation—that restrict the rights of people to speak against decisions that can cause irreparable harm to the ecosystem.

Finally, I know what is good for people is good for the state! Education and quality of life attract new business. We forgot this over the last six years, and as a result Wisconsin came out of the recession at only 70% the growth rate of the country as a whole. We don't need to compromise people and the environment for jobs. I will work to nurture both together.



★★ PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ★★ ★ U.S. SENATE ★ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8 ★

Our Future Depends on it!

U.S. SENATE

- U.S. Senator Ron Johnson (R-Oshkosh)
- Russ Feingold (D-Middleton)

U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson. (R-Oshkosh)

As the only manufacturer in the U.S Senate, I'm taking the outsider's approach that I learned in U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson, R Oshkosh my more than 30 years in



the private sector to get things done for Wisconsinites.

That real-world experience taught me that the number one component of the solution is economic growth. A strong and robust economy will create jobs, raise wages, and increase opportunity for working men and women. I'm also using the lessons I learned in the private sector on finding areas of agreement and using a problem-solver's approach to help create more jobs and opportunity for people and local communities.

That's the approach I've used in the Senate to get real results for Wisconsinites. My committee has passed 83 bills most on a bipartisan basis - and 28 have been signed into law. Generally, these bills are designed to make government more efficient, effective, and accountable and strengthen our economic and national security. Working together and building consensus is how I'm fighting for people all across our state.



Russ Feingold, (D-Middleton)

Since launching this campaign, I've visited each of Wisconsin's 72 counties twice. And what I hear from Wisconsinites



Russ Feingold, D-Middleton

from Bayfield to Menominee to Outagamie County is the same: they are being shut out by an economic system that favors millionaires and corporations families. They're over working struggling to pay their bills, and they're worried about the rising cost of higher education. But Washington Republicans like Senator Johnson aren't listening to Wisconsinites -- they're only working for their corporate backers and big oil billionaires.

My top priority is to create an economy that works for all Wisconsinites, including members of the Oneida Nation and other native communities. So I would immediately focus on passing a federal minimum wage increase so that no Wisconsinite works full time and lives in poverty, ensuring access to quality, affordable healthcare, and investing in training programs for workers. Most Wisconsinites want the same things: they want a good-paying job, with a day off now and then. They want to provide a decent education for their kids and not worry they'll be swamped with debt for the rest of their lives. And, they want to be able to retire with dignity, with the promise of Social Security to support them. In the Senate, I'll get to work immediately to achieve these things for the people I represent: the middle class and working families in every community of Wisconsin.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8

- Mike Gallagher (R-Green Bay)
- Tom Nelson (D-Appleton)

• Tom Nelson, (D-Appleton)

I am running to represent Wisconsin's 8th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives - not only as someone with



deep Northeast Wisconsin roots, but as a close friend of the Oneida Nation. In my old Assembly district, I represented the entire Oneida Nation,

and as Outagamie County Executive, I've worked closely with the Nation.

My commitment to Northeast Wisconsin is why I have dedicated much of my life to public service. Throughout my time in the Wisconsin State Assembly and as Outagamie County Executive, I have always fought for the middle class and put people over politics.

During my time in the State Legislature, I knocked on every door in Oneida three times - meeting with the Business Committee and tribal members and learning about the issues most important to the community.

As Outagamie County Executive, I have continued to join members at tribal events, such as the Big Apple Fest, Farmers' Market, Pow Wow, and the One-Stop grand opening; not only enjoying all that Oneida culture has to offer, but supporting and advocating for the Oneida Nation.

I have a strong track record of supporting tribal issues, such as sovereignty, Indian Child Welfare Act, gaming issues and more – and I will continue fighting for the Oneida Tribe in Washington, DC.

I am running for Congress because the system is broken. Just as I have done throughout my entire career, I will always put the people of Northeast Wisconsin first.

Mike Gallagher, (R-Green Bay)

My name is Mike Gallagher and I am a 7th Wisconsin generation



native. The values of Northeast Wisconsin instilled in me a respect for hard work, faith in God, and service to country.

I joined the U.S. Marine Corps the day I graduated college. In my seven years on active duty and during two deployments to Iraq, I saw men and women from across this country do incredible things in spite of the odds.

Yet I came home to see career politicians unwilling to do the same. I cannot accept this standard of mediocrity, where politicians get pushed around on the world stage and accomplish little for our citizens here at home. We cannot accept a scenario in which we bankrupt our country, and send the bill to the next generation.

In Congress, I will continue to fight every single day to get government off our backs, and out of our wallets. I will fight to ensure business and industry remain strong in Northeast Wisconsin for generations to come, adding good paying jobs each step of the way. I pledge to introduce "No Budget, No Pay" legislation—if Congress can't do its job, it shouldn't get paid.

I am asking for your support because in these difficult times we need leaders who will treat political office like a deployment, not a career. We are in a fight we can't lose, a fight for our future and the Wisconsin values we cherish. I ask for your vote on November 8th.

Exercise your Right to VOTE on Tuesday • November 8th, 2016

Analysis: Trump and Clinton **Campaigns Impact on Indian Country**

President of the United States of America - Hillary Clinton (D-New York) - Donald Trump (R-New York)

This article analyzes past actions of Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton and their running mates – to provide an assessment of the potential impact that could be expected on Indian Country from either of their presidencies.



Hillary Clinton, D-New York

<u> Issue 1: Tribal Gaming</u>

Donald Trump: His views toward tribal affairs appear to be driven largely by his interest in the gaming industry. In October 1993, Donald Trump testified in front of the House Natural Resources Committee and expressed deep misgivings about the tribal gaming industry. His primary focus was on the fact that commercial gaming is subject to taxes, from which tribal gaming is exempt. Additionally, he claimed that crime and corruption are rampant at tribal gaming facilities. He expressed skepticism regarding the federal policy used to recognize tribes, stating "they don't look like Indians to me", referring to members of the However, in another case, Mashantucket Pequot Tribe in Connecticut, a tribe with whom he was competing when he owned casinos in Atlantic City. Finally, Trump expressed the view that providing tribes with the ability to own gaming businesses on

their lands is inherently discriminatory and that government should open gaming up to all interested parties, not just tribal governments.

While this was over twenty years ago, it suggests that under a Trump Administration there could be a push to subject gaming revenues to state and/or federal taxes, a race-based view toward process of tribal recognition, and a full review of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

Subsequent to the 1993 hearing, Trump both invested in and opposed tribal gaming ventures. In the early 2000s, Trump had financial arrangements and investments related to gaming operations with several tribes.

the New York Temporary State Commission on Lobbying in 2000 investigated Trump for improper lobbying and whether he sought to influence compact negotiations between the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe and New York State. It was al-

leged that Trump was financially sup- Children's Health Insurance Program porting third party entities depicting the tribe as criminals in an effort to stop the tribe from securing gaming rights outside of New York City.

Hillary Clinton: Although Clinton served as a United States Senator for 8 years, she neither sponsored nor cosponsored any tribal gaming bills. We understand that she had a fairly good working relationship with gaming tribes in her state, however.

Issue 2: Healthcare

Trump: There are no records of Donald Trump addressing tribal health care



Donald Trump, R-New York

issues on the campaign

Clinton: Hillary Clinton made healthcare a focal point of her campaign and her convention last week-particularly her strong advocacy and support for the State

(SCHIP). That program helps provide funding to states that offer insurance for children, including Native American children, under the poverty line. Additionally, Clinton cosponsored the Indian Healthcare Improvement Amendments Act, which reauthorized and reformed the Indian Health Service. While the IHS still has numerous deficiencies, the act is credited for reinvigorating the often-beleaguered IHS.

Issue 3: Fee to Trust

Trump: There are no records of Donald Trump addressing fee-to-trust issues on the campaign trail.

Clinton: There are no records of Hillary addressing fee-to-trust issues on the campaign trail. Furthermore, she did not sponsor or cosponsor any bills during her time in the Senate.

Issue 4: Law Enforcement

Trump: Donald Trump has made law and order a central focus of his campaign, suggesting that he will be likely to increase funding for federal law enforcement agencies. This may benefit tribes that rely on federal funding for

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much of their law enforcement programs. However, 20 years ago at the hearing on tribal gaming in the House Resources Committee, Donald Trump suggested that tribal gaming operations were run by organized crime, and that the tribal law enforcement was either involved or unable to stop the corruption. If this view persists, a Trump Administration is unlikely to favor tribal criminal justice systems over state and local courts.

Clinton: While Clinton has also focused on law enforcement in her campaign, the tone and tenor does not suggest that there would be much of an impact on tribal law enforcement issues. Of note during her Senate career, Hillary Clinton was an initial cosponsor of the Matthew Sheppard Hate Crimes bill, which would have provided Indian tribes with access to funding to assist in the prosecution of Hate Crimes.

Campaign Stops in Indian Country

Both Trump and Clinton have visited Indian Country during the campaign.

Trump met with Arizona Tribal leaders in Phoenix in June. Representatives from the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the Cocopah Tribe, and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe discussed issues pertaining to tribal sovereignty, energy independence, poverty, water, and gaming. The meeting was arranged by then AZ State Senator Carlyle Begay (R), a member of the Navajo Nation and candidate for the United States House of Representatives in the AZ-1 seat. (Should Trump win, Begay would become natural

for Indian Affairs,)

Clinton participated in a roundtable discussion in March with 19 tribal leaders from around Washington State on the Puyallup reservation. Leaders discussed local water quality issues and salmon restoration, in addition to health and education issues and the importance of government-to-government consultation and tribal sovereignty.

Candidate Statements on **Indian Country**

Trump Campaign Quote on Indian Country: "The candidate has the utmost respect for the government-togovernment relationship between tribes and federal government – and thus selfdetermination to the extent possibly by tribes, the same as for states."

Clinton Campaign Quote on Indian **Country:** "Hillary Clinton believes the United States has a sacred trust with Native Americans. She is committed to strengthening and building on government-to-government relationship between the United States and Indian tribes, and believes the United States should fulfill its treaty obligations and trust responsibilities to Tribal Nations. She believes we need to break down all the barriers that hold Native Americans back and build ladders of opportunity for all Native American people. That includes removing obstacles that contribute to addiction, high unemployment and poverty rates on many reservations. At the core of Clinton's agenda is a simple idea: every child in America should be Governor Pence voted against the

choice to become Assistant Secretary able to live up to his or her God-given Tribal Law and Order Act in 2010. potential."

Vice Presidential Candidates' Record on Indian Country

Governor Mike Pence (R-IN): Governor Mike Pence was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 2001 to 2013. There is one tribe with reservation



Governor Mike Pence, R-Indiana

lands in Indiana, the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, however, they are not within Governor Pence's former congressional district.

Bill Sponsorship / Votes:

As a Member of Congress, Governor Pence did not sponsor any legislation specifically targeting or benefitting Indian Country. However, he cosponsored a number of bills prohibiting or limiting Internet gambling. In 2005, heco-sponsoredHR2353,the"Common Sense Indian Gambling Reform Act", which would have modified the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA). The bill would have amended IGRA to background investigations on the 10 persons or entities with the highest financial interest in a gaming operation. It would have limited tribes to conducting gaming on only one contiguous parcel of land, likely in an attempt to limit "reservation shopping". The bill would have also raised the cap on fees paid annually by each gaming operation from \$8M to \$16M.

Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA): In July 2015, the Pamunkey Indian Tribe became the first in Virginia to receive federal recognition from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Senator



Senator Tim Kaine, D-Virginia

Kaine served as an advocate for the Pamunkey throughout the lengthy process by weighing in on BIA's tribal recognition rulemaking, serving as a liaison to the agency, and urging funding for the tribe.

Bill Sponsorship / Votes:

Senator Kainereintroduced legislation to grant federal recognition to six Virginia tribes. In the 113th Congress, Senator Kaine cosponsored S.47, the Violence Women Reauthorization Act. In the 114th Congress, Senator Kaine cosponsored the Every Student Succeeds Act, a bill to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. The bill included robust funding for Indian Education, including support for infrastructure, a study on suicide prevention among students in Indian country, early education, Native language restoration programs, and culturally appropriate and effective instruction.

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