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**Re: Permission for Collections Access Per NAGPRA Regulations**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

This letter is written in response to the new NAGPRA regulations which prevent museum staff from accessing, researching, or exhibiting Native American human remains or cultural items without explicit tribal permission (88 FR 86452; 43 CFR 10.1(d)(3)). The < insert Tribal Name > does not approve of museum staff using only past records for consultation or the completion of Published Notices, due to their known inaccuracies, and requires that all Native American ancestral remains, associated funerary objects, unassociated funerary objects, and cultural items are accounted for through physical and/or digital examination and review prior to repatriation. The < insert Tribe Name > hereby gives < insert institution name > staff permission to conduct all of the following to ensure the thorough and comprehensive assessment of all Native American collections affiliated or potentially affiliated with the Tribe so that all human remains, funerary objects, and cultural items are accounted for.

- Physical inspection or review of collections;
  - Determination of the number of ancestors present;
  - Non-invasive osteological analysis;
  - Retrieval of any and all extracts, residues, samples from other institutions.
  - Assessment and counting of funerary objects;
  - Examination of commingled materials; and
  - Rehousing collections as needed to prevent destruction or damage of the materials.
  - Reunite associated funerary objects with human remains from which objects were taken.
- This is of key importance to the Tribe.

The < insert Tribe Name > reserves the right to provide additional permissions at the Tribe's discretion and to revoke consent in writing at any time. The < insert Tribe Name > point of contact for NAGPRA Consultation with the < insert institution name > is our NAGPRA Director (or other title) <insert name, email address and phone.>

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Cc: