

Dear [Insert Name],

It is time for the United States government to honor its promise and seat the Cherokee Nation's delegate, Kim Teehee, in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Cherokee Nation is the largest federally recognized tribe, with more than 430,000 citizens living in states across the country.

In 1835, the Cherokee Nation was guaranteed a voice in Congress in the Treaty of New Echota. The Treaty was ratified by the Senate and then signed into law by President Andrew Jackson. However, for the last two centuries, Congress has failed to seat a Cherokee Nation delegate.

Congress has a legal and moral responsibility to uphold treaties between the U.S. and Cherokee Nation. Article 7 of the Treaty of New Echota is crystal clear: Cherokee Nation "...shall be entitled to a delegate in the House of Representatives of the United States..."

In 2019, as one of his first major acts as the duly elected leader of the Cherokee Nation, Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. nominated Teehee to serve as the first delegate. Since that time, the Cherokee Nation has worked diligently with members of Congress on both sides of the aisle. Now, it is time for the U.S. House of Representatives to make good on its obligation.

Congress can deliver on the commitment by seating the Cherokee Nation's delegate in Congress this year, and provide the Cherokee Nation its long overdue representation in the U.S. House.

I ask that you take immediate action by seating delegate-designate Teehee during this session.

Thank you for your support,

[Insert Name]