



President Nygren Discusses Veterans' Support, Public Health, and Water Rights with Congressional Members



President Nygren presents a challenge coin to Congresswoman Chellie Pingree (D-ME-1) following their meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 2025. Photo Courtesy of the Navajo Nation Washington Office

WASHINGTON, D.C. – This week, President Buu Nygren met with key members of Congress to advance Navajo Nation priorities on veterans' support, water rights, public health, law enforcement, and economic development. His meetings included discussions with Congressman Eli Crane (R-AZ-2), Congresswoman Chellie Pingree (D-ME-1), and Senator Mark Kelly (D-AZ), each focused on topics ranging from support for Navajo Code Talkers to hospital funding and water rights settlements.

President Nygren began the day with Congressman Eli Crane (R-AZ-2), thanking him for his strong support of Navajo Code Talkers and veterans. Congressman Crane reaffirmed his commitment to championing Navajo water and natural resource priorities, including Chaco Canyon. The two leaders also explored economic development opportunities, with

Congressman Crane commending President Nygren's determination to expand opportunities for the Navajo people.

He next met with Congresswoman Chellie Pingree (D-ME-1), Ranking Member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies. Their discussion centered on law enforcement and public health needs across the Nation. They also reviewed the recent diversion of funds from the Gallup Indian Medical Center rebuild and outlined strategies to secure resources to move the project forward.

President Nygren closed the day with Senator Mark Kelly (D-AZ) to discuss the Northern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Act. Their conversation focused on planning a potential hearing and mapping the next steps needed to advance this historic settlement.