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### President Nygren Attends the White House Tribal Nations Summit



*President Nygren with Cherokee Delegate to Congress Kim Teehee and Morgan Rodman, Senior Advisor on Native American Affairs for the Domestic Policy Council at the White House Tribal Nations Summit*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On December 9, 2024, Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren attended the fourth and final White House Tribal Nations Summit, of the Biden- Harris Administration. The Summit reaffirmed the Administration's historic progress in strengthening Nation-to-Nation relationships with Tribal Nations and highlighted key policy initiatives supporting Indigenous communities.

During the Summit, President Biden announced the establishment of the Carlisle Federal Indian Boarding School National Monument in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. This landmark designation acknowledges the painful legacy of the federal Indian boarding school system, which forcibly removed thousands of Native children from their families to suppress their languages, cultures, and identities. The new national monument recognizes this difficult history while honoring the resilience of Native communities.

The Summit also featured the introduction of a 10-year National Plan on Native Language Revitalization, aimed at expanding access to Native language immersion programs,

supporting community-driven education efforts, and ensuring sustainable revitalization of Native languages across Tribal Nations.

The Biden-Harris Administration reported significant progress in delivering over \$45 billion in direct investments to Tribal Nations through initiatives like the American Rescue Plan, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and Inflation Reduction Act. These investments have bolstered critical infrastructure, expanded healthcare, enhanced educational opportunities, and addressed systemic inequities in Indian Country.

Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren looks forward to working with the incoming Trump Administration to advance shared priorities and strengthen the Nation-to-Nation relationship in ways that promote Tribal sovereignty, economic development, and cultural preservation.