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The Rt Hon David Cameron MP  
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Dear Prime Minister David Cameron:

I write on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the oldest and largest tribal government advocacy organization representing sovereign tribal nations in the United States. We strongly urge the United Kingdom to follow the actions of U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and clear the Iroquois Nationals lacrosse team, representing the Six Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy, for international travel on their Haudenosaunee passports. The United Kingdom and its citizenship will benefit greatly from welcoming these great athletes representing their respective Indian nations.

Our organization is comprised of elected and appointed leaders and citizens from tribal sovereign nations that have extensive treaty and legal agreements with the United States Government. Over the last week, we have been working with Obama Administration officials, the U.S. Department of State, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the congressional delegation from the State of New York, and Iroquois Nationals team officials to resolve legitimate concerns regarding the international travel documents of Haudenosaunee citizens. As a result, on Thursday, July 15, 2010, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton provided a one-time waiver for the travel of this team to the World Lacrosse Championships.

As you are aware, the game of lacrosse is indigenous to Native Americans. We greatly respect that the United Kingdom is hosting an international lacrosse tournament. However, in the view of Native peoples, denying entry to the game's historical and cultural emissaries is a troubling scenario. The legitimate documentation questions have been addressed, as reflected by the U.S. State Department's waiver for travel. We encourage your government to preserve the sanctity and intent of international gamesmanship and tribal sovereignty, and grant entry to the Iroquois Nationals lacrosse team.

Respectfully,

Jefferson Keel, President  
National Congress of American Indians  
Lt. Governor, Chickasaw Nation