

HEIDI HEITKAMP
NORTH DAKOTA



United States Senate

May 1, 2017

Dear Thomas,

Congratulations on being honored with the "Spirit of Excellence" Award from the ABA Commission on Racial & Ethnic Diversity in the Profession, at the recent awards ceremony in Miami.

As the director of the Community Action program at the Standing Rock Reservation, you worked to bring people out of poverty and saw the need for better representation and more equality for the tribe. Your interaction with the tribe's attorney led you to a new career path that has benefitted Native Americans across this country.

Again, congratulations, and thank you for your dedication to Indian law and for your continued focus on teaching young attorneys how to keep Indian law thriving.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heidi". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "H" and a cursive "Heidi".

Heidi Heitkamp
United States Senate