



TURTLE MOUNTAIN BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

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President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500
RE: Leonard Peltier - Petition for Executive Clemency

Dear President Biden:

On behalf of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians (TMBCI), I write to you in support of Leonard Peltier's Petition for Executive Clemency. The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians is a federally-recognized tribe and Mr. Peltier is an enrolled tribal member.

I also write to assure you that our Tribal government and the citizens of our Tribal Nation welcome Mr. Peltier to return to his Tribal community on the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation.

Mr. Peltier has now served over 46 years in federal prison and, at the age of 77, suffers from several serious health issues, including diabetes, heart disease, and asthma. Compounding these existing health issues, Mr. Peltier tested positive for the coronavirus on January 28, 2022. Given the wellknown COVID crisis and substandard health conditions in the federal prison system, our heightened concern for Mr. Peltier's continued health and survival reflects the critically fragile health situation he now faces as he recovers amidst pandemic conditions.

The confessions and revelations in recent years of prosecutorial misconduct, racism, and constitutional violations in the handling of Mr. Peltier's case have led many to renew the call for Mr. Peltier's release. We join that call and underscore that enough is enough. Justice will be served when Mr. Peltier is released and allowed to spend the remainder of his years on his tribal homeland. Mr. President, I urge you to immediately exercise your authority to grant clemency to Leonard Peltier. And, again, our Tribal nation, of which he is a citizen, will welcome him home.

Sincerely,

Jamie Azure

Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Tribal Chairman