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The Honorable Danny Davis  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**RE: NAACP STRONG SUPPORT FOR H.R. 1514, TO SEVER UNITED STATES  
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS WITH THE CREEK NATION OF OKLAHOMA**

Dear Congressman Davis,

On behalf of the NAACP, our nation's oldest, largest and most widely-recognized grassroots-based civil rights organization, I like to thank you for your leadership on behalf of the Muscogee Creek Indian Freedman Band by introducing your legislation, H.R. 1514. Quite simply, your legislation would sever our nation's federal government relations with the Creek Nation of Oklahoma until they restore full Tribal citizenship to the Creek Freedmen disenfranchised in the October 6, 1979, Creek Nation.

If successful, your legislation, which mirrors NAACP policy, would re-enfranchise thousands of so-called Creek Freedmen and allow them to legally enjoy their Creek citizenship and all the associated benefits. Supporting this crucial legislation is an honor and a privilege, and it certainly is consistent with our mission to ensure the political, educational, and social equality of rights of all people.

Thank you again for your leadership and your wisdom in introducing H.R.1514. The NAACP Washington Bureau is committed to working with you at the federal, state, and local levels to educate the American population on the need for H.R. 1514 and on its benefits to our people and our nation. Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at my office at (202) 463-2940.

Sincerely,

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Director, NAACP Washington Bureau &  
Senior Vice President for Policy and Advocacy