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Chairman Ryman LeBeau  
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Chairman LeBeau,

I am reaching out to you with a handshake from my heart, "cante waste napeciyuzapi'ye." Thank you for encouraging your law enforcement officers to sign up for the Tribal Law Enforcement-Specific Basic Certification Course in South Dakota. I am thankful for the start of this historic opportunity so cadets can stay close to home.

This training opportunity is an example of working together to solve problems, and more can be done if we continue to communicate. So, I am inviting you to a Tribal Public Safety Crisis Summit on Monday, June 24 in Pierre. We solve problems best when we work together and communicate, and all of our tribal partners need to be part of this conversation to bring us towards real solutions.

Another solution we will discuss at the Summit is Mutual Aid Agreements between the State and a Tribe. These agreements, like the template attached, respect tribal sovereignty and tribal law, and allow state and local law enforcement to better help the people of South Dakota and ensure their safety.

We all want what's best for our tribal communities. Drug addiction, violent crime, and the trafficking of women and children have all risen on tribal reservations throughout the country, including in South Dakota. Let us remember the Lakota of the past and their toughness. Today, let us unite to combat all that is bad for our people.

Please respond with your availability to attend by emailing [Leslie.Hicks@state.sd.us](mailto:Leslie.Hicks@state.sd.us) and she will provide details of the Summit. An agenda and additional materials will be provided prior to the event. I hope you will join the conversation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kristi Noem".

Kristi Noem  
Governor

Enclosure