



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

KRISTI NOEM | GOVERNOR

May 8, 2020

The Honorable Harold Frazier  
Chairman, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe  
PO Box 590  
Eagle Butte, South Dakota 57625

Dear Chairman Frazier,

I understand the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe continues to interfere with traffic on US and State Highways through its travel checkpoints. As such, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe remains out of compliance with the April 8, 2020 memorandum from the United States Department of the Interior. The State of South Dakota objects to tribal checkpoints on US and State Highways regardless of whether those checkpoints take into consideration the safety measures recommended by the SD DOT. Safety recommendations do not constitute consultation and certainly do not equal agreement.

I request the Tribe immediately cease interfering or regulating traffic on US and State Highways and remove all travel checkpoints. If the checkpoints are not removed within the next 48 hours, the State will take necessary legal action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kristi Noem", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kristi Noem  
Governor

CC: Director, Daryl LaCounte, Bureau of Indian Affairs