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RE: Thursday March 26th, 2023  
Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans  
Chair Sen Erin P. Murphy  
Room 1200 Minnesota Senate building

Dear Representatives  
S.F. 820-Kunesh: Indigenous Peoples' Day school observance required, and Indigenous Peoples' Day established as state holiday and Christopher Columbus Day eliminated as state holiday.  
This is a companion bill to the,  
S.F.1905 that I made the following comments on for revision.

Section 2 Minnesota statues 2022  
Section 120b.021 Subdivision 2  
Subdivision 2 standard development

The commission must consider parents of school aged children and members of the public throughout the state.  
I applaud this, and I'd like to include Grandparents

Subdivision 5 Indigenous Education for All  
I disagree with Section 1  
My Family is a descendant to the Minnesota Dakota communities of Minnesota, been here never left Minnesota  
It's not my desire to have been not part of a Minnesota Dakota Tribe, their sovereignty has left alot of descendants out, we're from the same treaties as they are.  
Please change the way Subdivision 5 Section 1 as it is written, We must include descendants, descendants have a right to share in the oversight of the American Indian Education of Minnesota

Sincerely,  
Maria Cermak