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Dear Mr. Martire:

Thank you for taking the time to visit my staff and sharing the ongoing and developing relationship between officials of your country and Native American tribal officials in my state of South Dakota.

The efforts being made between these officials have already resulted in a positive working relationship and this partnership has many exciting possibilities and opportunities. I appreciate the goals of this working partnership which is to promote and encourage international relationships and cultural exchanges between local governments, institutions of higher learning and general publics.

Delegations from both countries have already participated in worthwhile exchanges and I appreciate the work ongoing for future exchanges and opportunities to expand partnerships in cultural, educational and business endeavors.

Thank you again for taking the time to visit South Dakota and for sharing the positive stories and the goals of what is hoped to be a long-standing partnership and relationship between Italian officials, local governments and tribal officials and governments in South Dakota. I look forward to hearing more as this relationship develops and prospers.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Johnson".

Tim Johnson  
United States Senator

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