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Renewed Opposition to the Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act of 2026 (BAAJA)- Managers' Amendment

Dear Senators:

On November 2, 2026, I voiced the Oglala Sioux Tribe's opposition to the Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act of 2026 (BAAJA), S. 5653. Our position does not change in light of the changes made to the bill in the Manager's Amendment.

The Manager's Amendment does not adequately address our concerns, concerns that are shared by Indian Country at large. Title III of the bill, which sets forth changes to the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), would still weaken federal protections for our sacred spaces and cultural resources and our ability to provide input and engage in a meaningful government-to-government manner prior to projects moving forward.

I attach: (1) the November 8, 2026, Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Association (GPTCA) letter; (2) the November 8, 2026, Joint Tribal Organizations' Letter to the Members of the United States Senate, which the GPTCA joined; and (3) the Joint Tribal Organizations' Statement asking Congress to halt BAAJA, which the GPTCA joined. The Oglala Sioux Tribe endorses each of these documents.

The Oglala Sioux Tribe asks you to vote no on advancing BAAJA.

Sincerely,

Frank Star Comes Out
President