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American Indian Community House
Ben Geboe
Interim Executive Director
39 Eldridge Street, 4th Floor
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Chief Leo Henry, Clerk
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Chief Beverly Cook
412 State Route 37
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Bryan Polite
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Tonawanda Seneca Indian Nation
Chief Roger Hill, Council Chairman
Administration Office
7027 Meadville Road
Basom, NY 14013

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Cayuga Nation
Mr. Clint Halftown
Nation Representative
P.O. Box 803
Seneca Falls, NY 13148

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Unkechaug Indian Territory
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528 Patrick Road
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Chief Sidney Hill  
Onondaga Nation Territory – Administration  
Hemlock Road, Box 319-B  
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Cayuga Nation
Tim Twoguns
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Chief Harry Wallace
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Mastic, NY 11950

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Akwesasne, NY 13655

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