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Dear Members of Virginia Congressional Delegation:

As President of the League of Women Voters of Virginia I ask for your support of the Indigenous Peoples' Day (IPD) legislation introduced in the 118th US Congress; House Bill 5822 and Senate Bill 2970. We believe it's time to reorient the national holiday on the second Monday in October to Indigenous Peoples' Day.

The time is long passed to recognize the painful history and celebrate the vast cultural contributions of Indigenous people in this country. We need to make the celebration of their contributions and resilience a part of our social fabric.

The League of Women Voters of Virginia is a nonpartisan organization and we do not believe the IPD reorientation is in any way a partisan issue. We request the support of the entire Virginia Congressional delegation for the IPD bills which will provide important bi-partisan leadership for the Commonwealth of Virginia and America, and an excellent example for your Congressional colleagues.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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