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From: D.C. *Dotti Chamblin* This Paper is dedicated to the life of "Elouise Cobell."
Washington

I am running for President of NCAI . I hope you will read and consider what I have to say and do or have done. And VOTE for Dotti Chamblin, Washington State.☺

I have come here for years to fight for Treaty Rights, support culture and Tradition, and have had the mike turned off while I was speaking to DOI Director Ken Salazar and was told to talk to him behind the curtain I said the people had a right to hear what I had to say to him. But the people couldn't hear that, so I went in the back, but Mr. Salazar run away from me and he had an entourage of about ten or twelve people with him and one 6'5" 400lb. Black body guard hit me in the face knocking me off balance and I couldn't catch up. I brought that up later at the mike and it was down played. It wasn't allowed in the news! Before this I had a chance to ask DOI Dir. In San Diego a question/an made this statement "its not our problem the government doesn't have money "we" have Treaties"! Then I was dubbed "that Makah woman" that he didn't want to talk to and never did because the NCAI Pres. At the time blocked and protected him with his body so no one could get close to ask important questions and deserving to have them answered I was oppressed then and is it ever o.k. to hit an elder Indian woman who is handicapped In the face? The DOI has had a background check on me and know who I am, where I live, where I go who I visit and talk to, because of Homeland Security! Now I ask again when is it O.K. to hit a Handicapped elder Makah woman? This "is" oppression at its Most, and best allowable by NCAI Leaders! I have a God Given Right to tell this to the world, so it won't happen to anyone else!!! I am a Traditional, Cultural speaker in regards to our unique Makah Treaty. I Marched and protested at federal buildings the Washington State Capital, BIA in Portland Oregon When the last Cobell Hearing was going on and we couldn't make it there, at the Grand Coulee Dam, where I was complained about and ordered to leave, And protested at meetings. So one day when we gain the recognition of Leaders we will have Justice: Health Care, no taxes, Tobacco, whaling, Cobell land and probate issues, Justice and Peace for all. All of which our ceded lands entitles us to. Justice through our Treaties. My grief today is now I have to be more careful, Elousie Cobell was my friend, and if I (we) got put in jail she told me to just call her and she'd bring her attorneys and bail us out.

All these many years the Viet Nam Vets are the ones who got information out, donated paper and at times paid my registration, when it was almost a thousand dollars to get on the floor to have my questions asked and answered.

I have asked for an act of Congress to recognize that Indigenous Tribes have ceded land to have binding contracts called Treaties that entitle us to what we deserve for time immemorial Health care is just one item in a long list..(In Washington state Pres. Clinton give the Olympic National Park to the U.N. a foreign entity, that one million plus acres is our ceded land.)

I have asked for an act of Congress to recognize that Native Americans is the one ethnic group to give the most sons and daughters to each and every war. And the very language the federal government tried to stop won that war.

Just when you think everyone would realize the federal government can't think in the best interests of the indigenous Indians they do this

I as a Makah elder want to see an act of congress to recognize in their efforts to eradicate Makah Peoples by unconstitutionally depriving us of our filthy rich status taking by federal law, Commercial Seal hunting, sea lion, and seagull egg gathering and the federal government blatantly and flagrantly give it to the cowboys, white fishermen. The late Lena Allabush Mcgee is the last person to have her oil, smoked meat, pelts and other products confiscated and faced federal

Prison time and a \$10,000.00 fine, and she is the one whom opened away for the Makah to get those rights back. However by then the young had lost the taste for this subsistence food and now face distruction from obesity,diabetes,thyroid,heart disease,Cancers, alcoholism and drug abuse.

our Tribe deserves the money lost at the time of the Federal Law be given back to our people in memory of Lena Allabush McGee. I remember this era, My late mother would go down the beach to get our share of Seal Carcasses, from the cowboys and when the Federal Government seen this still give us subsistence another law was made and stopped that. Now our young people don't eat seal/Seal Lion or Sea Gull Eggs. The Feds put nature out of balance with all this and that is an environmental issue today. (They omit our U.S. Constitutional N Human Rights.)

Health care doesn't recognize that because of the lack of subsistence foods it has caused Obesity,diabetes,heart,kidney,arthritis,thyroid,alcoholism,drug abuse,cancers. I want more money for our people having to suffer from the stress of Indian Health Service killing them off. Like my sister Doris Johnson. According to Tradition and Culture I have to vindicate her death so she can be at Peace on the other side and the children at peace on this side. I haven't done that yet.

My late father Clifford Johnson was Chairman in the mid fifties, when the termination era was going on, Joseph Gary, Lawrence Nekodemus, slickpoo, and Betsy Trick come to Neah Bay to get my dad, (the house I live in today) my late mother Hazel cooked them fish on a stick the Makah way. They met and left to fly to Menominee and Klamath reservations to talk and ask them not to Terminate, that it would affect all other tribes. That was an era of old Treaty Fighters, the elders of all Tribes had seats lined up in the back there, when their tribal councilmen and women weren't stopping an action that affected their tribe, they called them back and they soon did. Now our elders are few. I want respect for elders and for our leaders to do something about the cultural issue of "time". Those elders have gone on now, and they were orators, now we have speakers. Big difference, because Culture was infused strongly in their speech, it was simple and you could not miss the clarity of the message.

I am a Makah Leader, but I am not on the Council, I come from a Treaty Signer but I did not sign the Treaty. Me and my elder friends with me live on a fixed incomes. What we have is our strong Faith. Faith can move mountains, An we brought our shovels to help move it. We are going to go to Washington D.C. in February, to march and protest at the white house for the Treaty Right to Justice, health Care, No Taxes, Right to sell Tobacco, Cobell didn't get paid enough. Whaling, my son Carl J.R. wrote "the" paper it doesn't win the right, it shows we always had the right! An that's what many of you always said!

I wrote/called U.S.Atty.General Eric Holder J.R. excluded him and his FBI off my reservation. Was I right? Or was I Right? But I do thank him for recognizing the huge problems we have in our Justice system and him giving Makah a big grant! Because of those FBI agents laughing at us! Tho we never got an appointment with him. Those tribes named in my papers.

Together we can accomplish everything.

Any Tribe who can't vote for me. I understand. But the rules can be changed by the General Assembly.

☺ Thanks to a friend from Alaska who give me this idea.

An Excutive Order from President Obama would work, especially on Health Care, after all it is a paid up policy.

The Anti deficiency Act, the part that talks about the Indian Health? Needs to be recinded/stopped. We can not allow the united states government to put us at PAYOR OF LAST RESORT. That means only the poorest of the poor get the treaty right to health care.

The old people said "If you want it you have to fight for it"

Now in recognition of the Ceded Land and our Ancestors major win to preserve our language, and that language won the Japanese war, we lost Veterans, who fought with valor for our homelands.

We cannot allow that to lay in waste. Lets you and I fight for them.

It is Right and True we are not free never had constitutional or civil rights and everything we have to spend money and time to fight for. Park Lands, Cobell, land and probate issues, Tobacco taxes, Makah Whaling now Domestic violence against women, Oppression.

We need to have supreme court judges down to city judges be Indigenous Native American.

And we need P.R. from NCAI and ATNI to make away to educate the public of the land we ceded.

Can someone please tell me about the nat'l parks, Alaska has 3million acres Idaho has 2million acres and Washington State has 1million + acres. Non taxable lands and the greater society doesn't stop the lands from going into the park system, but when they need money they come after the Indigenous peoples, "us". We face taxing we shouldn't have to face. No Way!!! Another thing I don't think card carrying Indians should be pulled over on our ceded land. Public Law 280 needs to quit. No More. Get the state out of our business. Then we can have control over our homelands.

On the higher Ed forms we need to take out the part that our students do not have to join the armed services. In order to get their financial aid. In our Treaty we don't have to go to war unless it is on our soil. And at the rate America is going it probably will be soon! Tho.

Health Care always the issue, I support medical marijuana. My Sister and brother in law died of cancer, my sister and I were told a prophecy of marijuana, she didn't use it but my brother in law did so illegally, for pain. As a Minister I been in hospitals, homes where a mister could have really helped and when these patients don't want to eat, using this medcin they do so. I hope the great leaders can find a way for the people who choose this medcin.

I was at a concert with my sidekick Binky Thompson, listening to "John Trudell" and as Elders we were In the front row. He has some of the greatest verses, and Truth, it was so loud we both wisht we were in the back row. My point is we need to have a mike like that to get the U.S.Gov. to hear us. "Treaty Right to Health Care! No taxes! Right to Whale and sell tobacco, Not enough Money under the Cobell Settlement. Justice, for all. If they can't do that give us our land back! He speaks the truth. And he has the right to.

My mothers tribe is supporting the same sex marriage, as a Shaker Minister I am not allowed to marry a couple of the same sex. But I support it and my people who choose it. As a Speaker on the Sacred act of sex, birthing our "Indian ways of Knowing" I explain we are so far from our culture we have to give over all our support to all our people, if we want to be a leader. I leave you with your thoughts on all of what I have prayerfully said. I am Dotti Chamblin from the State of Washington, my Tribe owns this the fourth Corner, from time immemorial. All my grandfathers were whalers, so am I. I use this paper and pen. I expect a big one today!

The tears you can't see are for our elders in rest homes, rehab. centers, facing dialysis three times a week the alcohol/drug addicts, incest/rape survivors, the destroyed lives of an unjust justice system. And payor of last resort. Oppression still exists for women. I run....

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