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Good Morning Commissioners,

I am a resident of La Plata, MD, a co-founder of a nonprofit, Through Piscataway Eyes, (TPE) Inc for the Piscataway Conoy Tribe. My husband, Chief Jesse James Swann, Jr. and I have been coming to most of you for assistance over the years for the Piscataway people- Maryland's First People, the people whose lands were stolen and/or encroached upon, the people whose customs and native dress were halted with new colonial laws within years of arrival of the colonists, the people whose language was not allowed to be spoken nor their sacred ceremonies were allowed to take place, the people whose own schools were forced closed by the Charles County Board of Education, again on their ancestral homelands.

It seems to me that the current Charles County Commissioners and Government are just as discriminatory as those "making the laws" in the colonial days. We have sent countless emails, phone calls, letters-hand-delivered and stamped, as well as sent Certified mail. What does it take for you 1) answer your constituent's questions? 2) assist Maryland's first people 3) assist a LEGAL in good standing Non Profit in the State of Maryland. It seems that you have on several occasions only held full quorum meetings and assisted Piscataways who 1) Were not a legitimate 501c3 2) hadn't filed and/or paid their taxes in more than a decade-whether that be State or Federal taxes 3) those who have fraudulently sought grants and/or land, while not in good standing.

It has been more than a month since my last comments at the public forum. I have had NO Commissioner reach out to us. We are the only legitimate, in good standing Nonprofit for the Piscataway Conoy Tribe and you continue to refuse meetings. Meetings that I know you had with Mr. Francis Gray concerning the Cedarville property. Is that because one of you went to high school with him? Or is it because one of you who was actively supporting Natalie, jumped ship and went to the Francis ship, all while refusing to meet with us? Is this discrimination out of hatred for Maryland's first people? Out of discrimination against a legitimate business? Out of discrimination against my husband and myself? Or is it that NONE of you actually did your jobs when attempting to take the Cedarville property and give it Mr. Gray-not only did he not own the name he was trying to use, but apparently NONE of you checked if he even had an active, in good standing 501(c)3.

I am again asking you to rectify this discrimination against legitimate business owners who fully support the First Nations people of the Western Bank of the Chesapeake. I also am hoping that Mr. Wes Adams, Mr. Tony Covington and Maryland Attorney General Brown, Maryland Comptroller Brooke Lierman have been notified to investigate the alleged fraud of seeking money, land (whether it be Cedarville, Nanjemoy or any other properties) while not being in good standing and/or having a 501(c)3 at the time the money and/or property was sought. These are alleged SERIOUS crimes! Wouldn't that make the Charles County Commissioners complicit in said alleged fraud? The Piscataway Conoy Tribal community has

tried to stop these individuals for years, most recently with an injunction to point out only a couple dozen of the alleged crimes. The community recently was made aware of Mr. Gray attempting to reinstate to another name for a 501(c)3, this does not take away from ten years of alleged fraud and alleged tax evasion.

Additionally, the Piscataway Conoy Tribal Community will be filing other court cases against the previous Tribal Council for failure to hold elections in over ten years, as well as additional alleged crimes.

As a Charles County nonprofit, we had expected to have the support of the Charles County Commissioners-1) as a nonprofit 2) as a nonprofit based in Charles County, 3) as a legitimate in good standing, tax filing and law abiding group of citizens, 4) as a nonprofit who increased revenue ten-fold in ONE year 5) as providing services for First Nations people-basic-food, shelter, and health care, as well as higher education. What does it take?

I'm saddened by your lack of support. I'm saddened by all of the issues currently going on in the Charles County Government. I'm confused as to why no actions have taken place with all this Chaos -from supporting businesses with no licenses/ 501(c)3s, documented discrimination of County employees and what now is quite obvious to include Charles County 501(c)3s.

Somebody, PLEASE take charge! Somebody please follow the law(s)! Somebody please STOP this CHAOS! Somebody please stop this discrimination!

Respectfully,

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Maryland HB1433 Bill was signed by Governor Larry Hogan 04/21/2022 to change Indian Head Highway to Piscataway Highway-honoring both Maryland State Recognized Tribes -Piscataway Conoy Tribe™ and Piscataway Indian Nation™ As of May 20, 2022-Governor Hogan's Administration reneged on the change and stated that the legislators didn't "intend" to change the name on documentation attached to HB1433.



Please follow us on FaceBook (Piscataway Conoy Tribe™ Community), Instagram (piscatawayconoytribe), Twitter (@PiscatawayTrbe) and Google + (Piscataway Conoy Tribe™ Info and News)

Please support our Non-Profit, 501(c)3 -Through Piscataway Eyes™(TPE) Inc. www.throughpiscatawayeyes.org. You can donate by mailing a check, or using the PayPal, Venmo or Square accounts. Additionally, you can donate via selecting Through Piscataway Eyes, Inc on Amazon Smiles to donate a portion of your purchase to us from Amazon.

Please sign our petitions online at Change.Org to rename Indian Head Highway, Indian Head School, the Town of Indian Head and Old Indian Head Highway for starters.
[Petition · Change the name of Indian Head Highway and the Town of Indian Head · Change.org](#)

Please support our push to regain some of our treaty rights from the 1666 Treaty. Washington, DC restored our Treaty rights last year for fishing. We are now asking for the same from Maryland-Fishing, Hunting, and Crabbing.
[Petition · Piscataway Conoy Tribe-Restoration of Fishing/Crabbing and Hunting Rights for Piscataway · Change.org](#)

"Our task is to take care of the elderly, the defenseless, those who cannot provide for themselves, and above all, children are the future of humanity." --Sitting Bull