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Hon. Wesley E. Disney, Member of Congress
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Disney:

We have been advised that a bill authorizing the payment of the Osage Civilization Fund claim has passed the Senate. For the past few years this legislation has passed the Senate but for some reason has never passed the House. It is our opinion that one reason for the failure of such a Bill to pass the House is due to the fact that in nearly every instance a Bill has been introduced in the Senate and a like Bill has been introduced in the House. We presume that the Bill which you introduced is now before the House Indian Committee and that the Bill which passed the Senate is also before such Committee. It occurs to us that since the Senate Bill has passed you could best serve the Osage Tribe and the citizenship of Osage County in this matter by putting your efforts behind the Senate Bill and having it passed by the House. If your Bill should pass the House, it would then, of course, be necessary for it to go through the Senate, and, by reason of that fact, we suggest that you support the Senate Bill. We understand that the Senate Bill has been reported upon favorably by the Department of the Interior.

It might be well if you would appear before the House Indian Committee and get the Senate Bill reported out and leave the House Bill pending or withdraw the same.

The members of the Osage Tribe and the citizenship of Osage County are intensely interested in the passage of this Bill as it will mean a great deal to all the people in Osage County. It is rather difficult to explain to the members of the tribe and to the citizenship of Osage County why this Bill has successfully passed the Senate on two or three different occasions and has bogged down in the House.

We would appreciate it if you would write us with reference to the status of this legislation at this time.

With kind personal regards, we are,

Very sincerely yours,

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