



## Quote Sheet

“The defense of infrastructure located on tribal lands must be recognized as an essential piece of our nation’s security plan. The exclusion of tribal governments in the implementation of a national homeland security strategy places both Indian and non-Indian populations at risk. Tribes have limited resources to address these responsibilities. S. 578 is imperative to ensuring our ability to fully protect our lands and our people from any potential attacks.”

- Tex G. Hall,  
NCAI President  
Chairman, Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation

"Terrorism, like wildfires and earthquakes, doesn't recognize federal, state or local government jurisdiction. But terrorist might use the gaps in security on Indian lands, against all of us. Tribes do not want to be the weak link in the chain, we stand ready to serve our country and homeland, and ask only that Congress give us the means."

- Anthony Picco,  
Chairman, Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians

“We Indians have always fought to protect our homeland. We always will. We ask the United States government to open its eyes to the contributions the tribes have made, and will continue to make, if we have the means to do so. Tribes share borders with other nations, with major infrastructure and with the open seas. Military reserves are our neighbors and we have jurisdiction over many natural treasures. Give us the tools and we, too, will help keep America safe for the generations to come.”

- Billy Frank, Jr.  
Nisqually Indian  
Chairman, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission  
USMC Veteran, Korean War