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There are many issues in Indian Country, the first and most important are our children. We must make them aware of the importance of earning a high school diploma, it will improve their chances in life. How we do this is to create a desire for parents to want their children in school. School boards must possess experience in education and attend intensive training in order to implement that desire. and also concentrate on a strong emphasis on reading and math. Secondly, our system of government and Policies are in dire need of being updated and improved, right now we are experiencing far too many problems. Then with the Natural disaster it has caused ever more stress and hardship amongst the people. Lastly, we are being imposed with SD law, and there is a constant battle everyday in life, we are surrounded by those, who no matter which direction we turn, are there with unnecessary obstacles that must be removed in order to be a nation and a better neighbor to South Dakota. As a concerned leader, Tribal member and a 15 year Navy Veteran, I have been honored to serve my people and it is obvious that racism is strong and funding and economic development is far from none in Indian Country! Ohan Pidamiya

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