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Statement of support for reinterment lands

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Dear Evanston Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the reinterment of ancestral remains near the sites where they were disturbed. It is crucial that we honor and respect the dignity and cultural beliefs of our ancestors by ensuring their final resting places are treated with reverence and care.

The disturbance of ancestral remains is not only a violation of their sacred resting places but also a disruption to the cultural fabric of our communities. By advocating for the reinterment of these remains near their original sites, we are acknowledging the importance of preserving cultural heritage and upholding the rights of our people.

Reinterment allows for healing and closure for our families who have been affected by the disturbance of our ancestors. It provides an opportunity to reconnect with our heritage and pay homage to those who came before us.

Furthermore, reinterment aligns with principles of environmental conservation and sustainable land management. By returning ancestral remains to their rightful resting places, we contribute to the restoration and protection of natural ecosystems and historical landscapes.

In conclusion, I urge the Evanston Council to prioritize the reinterment of ancestral remains near the sites where they were disturbed. This act of reverence and recognition is essential for fostering healing, preserving cultural heritage, and promoting environmental stewardship.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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