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To Whom it May Concern:

Community Resource Alliance Tribal Coalition is an organization that works to end domestic violence and sexual assault against Native American and Alaska Native women by providing resources that promote education about these terrible violence's.

Our organization requested Mr. Domitrz to bring the message of healthy dating, communication and sexual assault awareness with his "Can I Kiss You" presentation. Mike Domitrz brought his powerful presentation to Mahnomen, Waubun and Circle of Life High Schools on the White Earth Ojibwe Nation and to an Alternative Learning Center near the reservation reaching 870 students.

Mike is a natural, he captured the students attention immediately through an interactive and unique way. His method of not putting words into their mouths but instead using their words and language was absolutely incredible.

A couple teenage girls saw Mike Domitrz's brochure at one of our Community Gatherings to address violence against women in one of our villages. It was here we were discussing our efforts to get it into the Mahnomen High School in which we were not being very successful with. These two young Native girls took his brochure and went directly to the Superintendent of Mahnomen High School to request this presentation. Now these girls are labeled as "trouble makers" and was to the surprise of the Superintendent that they were requesting a very powerful and positive message to be heard by all. It was affirming to receive a call from the Superintendent saying how thrilled he was that these girls took such strong leadership roles.

Another girl that was at the Community Gathering is a student at the Waubun High School in which her mother was murdered last year due to domestic violence. To see this girl participating in Mike's presentation in front of the student body was incredible.

The genuine moment at the Circle of Life School in which we were in a very small and stuffy room with tough kids who did not want to hear what Mike had to say and even called him on it by saying, "What business is it of yours what we do here?" Mike's response was, "It became my business when my sister was raped." After that, they paid attention in their own manner. The students at Circle of Life got his message that there are no barriers with violence and that silence is what keeps sexual assault alive. Mike's sincerity and passion of his message and his natural talent came through to a challenging audience.

It is important to recognize that never before has there been a National Speaker who has ever promised our youth that he would respond to their e-mails within 24 hours. His commitment to make effective changes in the lives of our youth is to be commended.

Mike Domitrz and his assistant were wonderful to work with. We look forward to working with Mike in the future as we continue to educate our communities and youth that violence is not tolerated or acceptable.

Community Resource Alliance Tribal Coalition gives our full support and recommendations of Mike Domitrz and his impressive "Can I Kiss You" presentation.

Sincerely,



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