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Mr. Collin Christopher
Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission
Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department

Dear Members of the Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission:

The Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs respectfully requests preliminary consideration of a proposed Rotary Peace Pole installation near the Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte sculpture and plaza area on Centennial Mall.

The proposed Peace Pole would be an eight-foot tall (approximately six feet after placement in the ground) four-sided commemorative and educational feature recognizing Nebraska's Tribal Nations and promoting the Rotary International mission of promoting peace and understanding. The installation is envisioned as a decorative pole incorporating the Rotary emblem, tribal language elements representing Nebraska's headquartered tribes, and artwork provided by a prominent Native artist.

At this time, the proposal remains in the conceptual stage. The sponsors are seeking the Commission's initial feedback regarding the appropriateness of the location and concept before finalizing the precise placement, artwork, text, interpretive elements, and installation details.

The proposed location was selected because of its proximity to the Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte memorial and existing Native-themed interpretive features within the Centennial Mall corridor. The project would be funded through a Rotary District donation, with installation and maintenance coordinated through project partners.

Should the Commission find the concept appropriate for further consideration, the sponsors would return with additional information regarding final design, exact siting, artwork, language, interpretive content, and any other materials requested by the Commission.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to working collaboratively with appropriate staff as the proposal develops.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs

Cc: **Maggie J. Stuckey-Ross**