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To: United States Senator  
Tammy Baldwin

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Dear Senator Baldwin:

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 The Bureau of Indian Affairs allowed the process for a change of the Constitution of my tribe, the Oneida Indian Tribe of Wisconsin to be manipulated and it was not conducted in the manor that our Indian Reorganization Act Constitution required.

The change in Amendment C took away the rights of Oneida soldiers to vote by absentee ballot in the next change in our Tribal Constitution. Also, the official report stated that 1694 tribal members registered to vote but only 872 tribal members were reported have cast a vote. The registered voters eligible to vote was posted, but the BIA will not post the names of the members who cast a vote so that they can know that their vote was counted.

According to an article in our tribal newspaper, the "Kalihwisaks," November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015, they are talking about taking away our religious freedom.

I spoke to professor David Wilkins at the University of Minnesota. He said 69 tribes have kicked out members of their tribe.

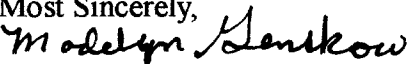
There are reports that the U.S. Government has allowed tribes to set up tribal governments that do not allow freedom of speech and religion.

We Indians are Americans. Our soldiers have fought for the American Civil Rights that all other Americans have.

My brother, Vernon W. Cornelius, a proud marine, went through hell in Chosin, Korea. I'm sure that he and all the Indians who have fought for American Civil Rights thought that they were fighting for the civil rights of us Indians too.

What will you do to restore American Civil Rights to American Indians?

There is corruption in the tribe. The U.S. Government allows the Tribe to decide if a criminal is prosecuted even if there is a Federal Connection. Why is that allowed to happen?

Most Sincerely,  
  
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