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STATEMENT OF OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA TRIBAL COUNCIL REGARDING ORIGINAL AMERICAN FOUNDATION DONATION

Several media representatives have contacted The Omaha Tribe of Nebraska ("OTN") tribal headquarters concerning the previously reported donation to the OTN by the Original American Foundation of funds used to purchase a backhoe.

In January, representatives of the Foundation met with the tribal council, the governing body of the Omaha Nation. The Foundation representatives asked the tribal council members to share information about needs of the tribal community living on the Omaha Reservation. One of the needs of the community that was acutely evident during the winter months was the need to a new backhoe for use in maintenance and repair of the water system and other important governmental uses. The Foundation did fund the purchase of a new backhoe which is owned by the OTN.

There were no strings attached to the donation. In fact the Foundation made it very clear that it did not want or expect anything in return for the donation.

The Omaha Tribe values its sovereignty and the tribal council would never approve an arrangement with an organization such as the Foundation if the arrangement compromised the tribal council's judgment.

Any questions about the donation should be directed to:

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