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Bio for Carson Ball Self Governance Coordinator, Muscogee (Creek) Nation For the U.S. House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness Days. May 7th, 2024

Carson Ball serves as the Self Governance Coordinator for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation (MCN), where he performs duties associated with budget management and government relations. Carson holds a B.A. in Political Science and Native American Studies from the University of Oklahoma (OU) and a M.A. in Political Science from the University of British Columbia (UBC). His thesis challenged current avenues for repatriation of Indigenous cultural property by examining frameworks, policy standards, and perspectives of Indigenous descendant communities. Prior to working for the MCN, Mr. Ball was awarded a Canadian Fulbright Scholarship where he researched the militarization of Indigenous lands and served as a research contributor for the United Nation's Human Rights Office.

It is with great honor that Mr. Ball is afforded the opportunity to testify to the House Committee of Appropriations on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.