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Dear Director Bellon:

The Upper Columbia United Tribes (UCUT) write to follow up on the unanswered December 12, 2017 letter to Grant Pfeiffer sent by the Chair of the UCUT Commission, Hon. David Browneagle. The letter described concerns that the UCUT members have in a current project in Newport, WA: the proposed HiTest silicon smelter. We invite you to come to our office in Spokane to discuss Ecology's apparent disregard for tribal opposition to this poisoning smelter.

I have attached a 2018 Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) Resolution as evidence that tribal opposition to the smelter is much broader than UCUT's five member tribes: the Spokane Tribe, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Kalispel Tribe, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, and Kootenai Tribe of Idaho. At the heart of this opposition is shared tribal concern for the adverse health, cultural, ecological, and economic effects of a smelter that would be the State's 5<sup>th</sup> largest emitter of sulfur dioxide, 12<sup>th</sup> largest emitter of nitrogen oxides, and 15<sup>th</sup> largest emitter of greenhouse gases.

We want to schedule a meeting as soon as your schedule allows and make all necessary arrangements to meet in early March. We desire detailed and solid discussion pertaining to our December 12<sup>th</sup> letter, the ATNI Resolution, and next steps. Please contact me (509-954-7631; [dr@ucut-nsn.org](mailto:dr@ucut-nsn.org)) or John Sirois ([john@ucut-nsn.org](mailto:john@ucut-nsn.org); 509-953-5272) at your earliest convenience to set up a meeting in Spokane.

We respectfully request that no decisions be made concerning the use of prognostic meteorological data until a proper meeting can be held with the UCUT members and yourself.

Respectfully,

Donald R. Michel, Executive Director