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2015 National Defense Authorization Act Gives Apache Land to Foreign Mining Corporation

By Last Real Indians 09 December 14

On December 4th, the House passed the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) which included a provision to transfer 2,400 acres of Apache ancestral and ceremonial lands to a foreign mining company.

“Since time immemorial people have gone there. That’s part of our ancestral homeland. We’ve had dancers in that area forever – sunrise dancers – and coming-of-age ceremonies for our young girls that become women. They’ll seal that off. They’ll seal us off from the acorn grounds, and the medicinal plants in the area, and our prayer areas.”

~ Terry Rambler, chairman of the San Carlos Apache Tribe

Prior to the House vote, the House and Senate Armed Services Committee attached a provision to the NDAA that would transfer Apache ancestral lands located in the Tonto National Forest to Resolution Copper, a subsidiary of Rio Tinto an Australian-English mining company. Sen. John McCain (R- AZ) was instrumental in pushing to get the provision language included.

Apache leaders learned of the inclusion of the provision to the NDAA while attending, ironically, the White House Tribal Nations conference. Republican lawmakers have tried for years to secure the transfer of these lands, but have always run into strong opposition from the San Carlos Apache Tribe and Democratic lawmakers.

The NDAA now goes to the Senate for vote.



Republican Congressman's Disrespectful Comment About Native Americans Stuns Local Tribes

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SBA and My Brother's Keeper Helping Millennials Hire Themselves

By [Maria Contreras-Sweet](#), SBA Administrator

[Global Entrepreneurship](#) Week made waves across the world last month as the United States announced it would marshal new partners and lead a \$1 billion push to invest in global entrepreneurs in some of the world's most marginalized societies.

On Day 1 of the special week, hours before I left for the Global Entrepreneurship Summit in Morocco, I announced an important new partnership here at home between the SBA and the White House [My Brother's Keeper Initiative](#) to support young entrepreneurs.

During an event at Prince George's Community College in Hyattsville, Md., I talked about the need to educate and empower more Millennials from underserved communities to pursue their dream of starting a business, because entrepreneurship can be a viable path toward economic self-sufficiency.

In many ways, Millennials, 18 to 30, were born to be entrepreneurs. They're the largest generation in our country, even bigger than the Baby Boomers, numbering 86 million strong. They're the most diverse generation we've ever produced and the most educated. They're the first generation to have grown up with the Internet and are trailblazers in social media, a critical tool for small business growth.

Despite their promise, unemployment remains stubbornly high for young Americans. One in four Millennials is currently out of work. Young people who grow up in underserved communities face unique challenges, including higher rates of poverty and unemployment. Young African-Americans and Hispanic-Americans under the age of 25 are twice as likely to be unemployed.

Those who made a wrong turn and have a criminal conviction face an even greater challenge. Even if it was for a minor offense, many who've been incarcerated are unable to ever find a fulfilling job that pays a livable wage. But one of the unique things about America is you can hire yourself

Between one half and two thirds of Millennials surveyed say they aspire to start their own business. The SBA's new outreach campaign will show more of them how to do so.

First, we will conduct a public awareness campaign using successful entrepreneurs as national surrogates to educate and inform Millennials about the resources available to them.

Second, we will conduct an in-person, national tour of community colleges, minority-serving institutions, and community organizations. Community colleges are the new stars of our economy, offering an education that's accessible, affordable and applicable to today's job market.

Third, we are developing a free online training module to help individuals with the greatest barriers to employment, including Americans with past incarcerations or court involvement. SBA's Millennial Entrepreneurs Initiative will show them how to harness their talents so they can support their families, pay their taxes and contribute to our economy.

Finally, we're developing a Business Smart toolkit that can be used by faith-based and community organizations to teach entrepreneurial basics and financial literacy. We'll leverage My Brother's Keeper's national grassroots network, so more nonprofit organizations connect their clients with free business advisers in the SBA network, who can help them plot their start-up strategy.

President Obama has called entrepreneurship "the most powerful force the world has ever known for creating opportunity and lifting people out of poverty." SBA's new Millennial Entrepreneurs initiative heeds the call of My Brother's Keeper by providing new tools to help young people from all walks of life succeed in business and become role models in their communities.

Mexican Farmer Immolates Self During Protest

Manuel de la Cruz, The Associated Press

de la Cruz writes: "A young farmer in southern Mexico set himself on fire outside the Chiapas state legislature building to demand the release of his father, an indigenous leader who was arrested last year on charges stemming from a series of demonstrations in 2011 that turned violent." [READ MORE](#)

From the Eagle Watch December 9, 2014

Small but growing numbers of Indigenous people are blockading against the plunder, pillage & destruction of ancestral territories all across Turtle Island. In the cities, various groups march and protest against various issues. Imagine if all these groups could recognize their common cause and find Unity. Kittoh

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Gitxsan chiefs blockade highway to protest government's LNG project approvals

Jenny Uechi, Vancouver Observer, Dec 7, 2014

Gitxsan hereditary chiefs blocked Highway 16 at New Hazelton, in northern B.C. on Saturday, to protest recent LNG project approvals by the BC Environmental Assessment Office. The chiefs say the projects could collapse the salmon population in the Skeena River if built.

[A] The Gitxsan people have relied on salmon for thousands of years. The importance of salmon far outweighs any of the financial benefits that are and may be offered in the future for these LNG pipelines, [A] Spookw hereditary chief Guuhadakwa (Norm Stephens) stated in a release.

[A] The risk (of LNG) to the salmon is far too great to allow any pipelines to cross our territories and none will. We will not lose the salmon on our watch. [A]

Despite the icy weather, people held up signs on the frozen highway expressing outrage for the approval of new infrastructure without adequate consultation.

On Nov. 25, the B.C. government announced approvals to three LNG projects [A] the Westcoast Connector Gas Transmission pipeline, Petronas [A] Pacific Northwest LNG export facility in Port Edward and the Prince Rupert Gas Transmission pipeline. In addition to the Gitxsan First Nation, many local residents

have told The Vancouver Observer they feel overwhelmed by the massive rush of LNG projects in their area.

Greg Horne of the Skeena Watershed Conservation Coalition said he was alarmed by how quickly the approvals were granted, given their huge impact on the environment.

“The biggest issue with Petronas is obviously Lelu Island and the juvenile salmon habitat there,” he said. “That seems like the last place to fast-track one of these assessments.” In general there’s a feeling of being railroaded, and down south in B.C. is where all the decisions are made and people here are bearing all the risks and not getting the benefits.”

Although the B.C. government is pursuing rapid LNG development to develop a \$100 billion prosperity fund, critics say those funds could come at the cost of other industries. A recent SFU study found that the sites for Pacific Northwest LNG and Prince Rupert LNG are in the most sensitive area for millions of Skeena salmon, with extremely abundant Sockeye, Chinook and Coho salmon.

“It really feels like a gold rush,” he said.

Horne even though some First Nation chiefs consented to the projects through the Gitksan Treaty Society, others are heavily opposed to the project, and have constructed a camp, Madii Lii, to prevent the Prince Rupert project from being built.

Among locals’ concerns, he said, were the low tax rate, which B.C. reduced from seven to 3.5 per cent after Malaysian gas giant Petronas put pressure on the province. He added the infrastructure near Hazelton was already being strained, and the large influx of temporary workers – some of them foreign – could have social impacts on the community.

But despite the B.C. government’s quick approval, Petronas announced last week it wanted to delay its decision on the Pacific Northwest LNG terminal due to slumping oil prices. Without a terminal in the area, the future of other gas projects planned for the Prince Rupert appears more uncertain.

Horne said he and others in the Skeena Watershed Conservation are working to help people adopt renewable energy, which will allow northern B.C. to keep its natural environment and salmon economy in tact.

<http://www.vancouverobserver.com/news/gitksan-blockade-highway-protest-governments-lng-project-approvals>



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#NotYourMascot Finalist for Digital Trend of the Year

Portland, Oregon –[Eradicating Offensive Native Mascotry](#), a group of Native parents and their allies from across the country [who launched the hashtag #NotYourMascot](#) and trended it during the 2014 Super Bowl are deeply grateful for the recognition of all our hard work by Utah State University's [Digital Folklore Project](#) as a finalist in their Digital Trend of the Year award.

Native people are so often overlooked and the issue of the mascotting of Native people is a prime example of this. An active national campaign for 46 years by the [National Congress of American Indians](#), the largest and oldest representative body for tribes, and by the American Indian Movement and leaders like Suzan Harjo of the Morning Star Institute. Using social media and a hashtag EONM members in the United States and Canada and our allies helped to push this issue to the forefront and build awareness and media coverage of these worthy efforts.

EONM is still working hard on this issue and will once again trend #NotYourMascot during the Super Bowl and is working actively to ban Redface from stadiums and end the mascotting of Native people.

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FACT SHEET: Invest in US: The White House Summit on Early Childhood Education

Last year, President Obama called upon Congress to expand access to high-quality preschool for every child in America, proposing investments that would support a continuum of early learning opportunity from birth through kindergarten entry. In January, he challenged more Americans – elected officials, business leaders, philanthropists, and the public – to help more children access the early education they need to succeed in school and in life. Over the course of the past year, significant progress has been made, and bipartisan cooperation has led to a substantial increase in federal investment in early education.

Today, the President convenes state and local policymakers, mayors, school superintendents, corporate and community leaders, and advocates for the White House Summit on Early Education, highlighting collective leadership in support of early education for America's children. Leaders will share best practices in building the public-private partnerships that are expanding early education in communities across the country. Participants will discuss effective strategies and programs that support and bring high-quality early childhood education to scale.

Leading private and philanthropic organizations will commit to new actions at the White House Summit that spur greater access to high-quality preschool and early learning. **Together with federal awards, this amounts to a collective investment of over \$1 billion in the education and development of America's youngest learners.** It includes:

- Over \$330 million in new actions from [corporate and philanthropic leaders](#) to expand the reach and enhance the quality of early education for thousands of additional children.
- Up to \$750 million in new federal grant awards announced by Secretaries Duncan and Burwell, to support early learning for over 63,000 additional children across the country. These investments will expand high-quality preschool or grow the supply of early care and education for infants and toddlers beginning next year.
- The launch of [Invest in US](#), a new initiative created by the First Five Years Fund, a bipartisan non-profit organization, in partnership with private philanthropic leaders, in response to the President's call for action.
- New private and philanthropic resources and support for Early Learning Communities, an initiative of *Invest in US*. *Invest in US* will connect communities and states interested in expanding early learning programs and opportunities with 10 leading partners that have committed to helping connect leaders with resources, planning grants, technical assistance, and other support for their youngest learners.

EXPANSION AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS

Since 2013, 34 states have increased funding for their preschool programs, amounting to over \$1 billion in new state resources dedicated to early education. In November, voters approved pre-K ballot initiatives in San Francisco, Seattle, and Denver. Communities across the country have engaged public and private partners to establish new preschool programs, and push forward with a major expansions to become strong early learning communities.

[An analysis released today by the White House Council of Economic Advisers](#) describes the economic returns to investments in early childhood education, including increased parental earnings and employment in the short-term, reduced need for remedial education and later public school expenditures,

as well as long-term outcomes such as increased educational attainment, increased earnings, improved health, and decreased involvement with the criminal justice system.

- Research suggests expanding early learning initiatives would provide **benefits to society of roughly \$8.60 for every \$1 spent.**
- **Earnings gains from increased enrollment in early childhood education would provide benefits that outweigh the costs of the program.** Researchers estimate the gain in income for recent statewide programs over a child's career to be \$9,166 to \$30,851, after taking out the cost of the program. If enrollment increased by 13 percentage points, in the long-run these earnings gains translate into an increase in GDP of 0.16 to 0.44 percent.

PUBLIC, PRIVATE AND PHILANTHROPIC COMMITMENTS

Launch of "Invest in US" . Invest in US is an independent initiative organized by the First Five Years Fund and its partners in response to the President's call for action. It challenges public and private partners, business leaders, philanthropists, advocates, elected officials, and individuals to build a better nation by expanding high-quality early childhood education. Invest in US will serve as a hub to aggregate momentum and support for early learning and provide resources to community leaders working to expand access to early childhood education.

Over \$330 million in new public-private actions in support of early childhood education, including commitments to America's early learners from corporate, philanthropic and non-profit partners:

- As part of the launch of Disney Imagicademy, **The Walt Disney Company** is committing \$55 million in high-quality learning apps and books to First Book and other non-profit organizations to make print and digital tools more accessible to young learners across the country.
- \$5 million from the **LEGO Foundation** to launch an Early Learning Initiative with New Profit, Inc. and empower children to become creative and engaged lifelong learners.
- \$5 million from **PVH Corp.** to support early education programs operated by Save the Children.
- The Map, Link and Rethink Early Learning for the Digital Age project from **Sesame Workshop**, to create new tools for assessing the potential of emerging technologies and to build a professional learning community.
- \$25 million over 5 years from the **J.B. and M.K. Pritzker Family Foundation** to scale evidence-based early childhood programs, advance early learning Social Impact Bond investments, and further research on economic efficacy of government investments that transform the lives of disadvantaged young children and families.
- \$20 million from **The Kresge Foundation** in new commitments over 5 years to build out a high-quality early childhood development system in the City of Detroit in collaboration with local, state, and federal partners.
- \$15 million from **Susan A. Buffett and Partners** to expand high-quality early childhood services for an additional 192 infants, toddlers, and their families in Omaha, Nebraska, as the city expands preschool.
- More than \$7 million in **shared investments from Illinois-based foundations** to leverage federal grant funding and ensure that children and families have access to high-quality early learning services from prenatal to age 5.
- \$10.2 million in new resources from **philanthropic and private partners in the Greater Cleveland Community**, to expand early childhood education programs, including the PRE4CLE initiative.

Support for Early Learning Communities across the nation. Today, the White House will release a [Playbook](#) to offer strategies for local leaders to develop and expand early education in their communities. *Invest in US* will announce increased capacity to support community and state leaders interested in expanding early learning programs and opportunities. Ten organizations have stepped up to help

connect leaders and as resources become available, they will provide technical assistance, planning grants, and other resources to Early Learning Communities. *Invest in US* partners supporting the Early Learning Communities initiative include the Alliance for Early Success; The BUILD Initiative; the Early Childhood Funders Collaborative; Early Childhood-LINC at the Center for the Study of Social Policy; The National Association of Counties; the National Governors Association; the National Institute for Early Education Research; The National League of Cities, The Ounce of Prevention Fund, and The U.S. Conference of Mayors.

NEW FEDERAL ACTIONS

\$250 million from the U.S. Department of Education under the Preschool Development Grants program . Secretary Duncan will announce awards for 18 states to expand the reach of their high-quality preschool programs in over 200 high-need communities, to enroll over 33,000 additional children. Winning states include Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Hawaii, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Vermont, and Virginia.

Up to \$500 million from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships program . Secretary Burwell will announce 234 preliminary awards for hundreds of communities across 49 states, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and the Northern Mariana Islands. Together, these awards will support communities as they improve and expand comprehensive early care and education for over 30,000 infants and toddlers next year.

Expanding Preschool for School Turnaround . The Obama Administration has proposed new regulations to establish high-quality preschool expansion as a core strategy for school turnaround in America's lowest-performing elementary schools. These regulations, proposed under the School Improvement Grants program (SIG), will enable school leaders to pursue preschool expansion while also promoting full-day kindergarten and reform of teaching and learning in the early grades. Today, the U.S. Department of Education will release three case studies that highlight the progress SIG schools have made by focusing on early learning. The final SIG regulation will be released in 2015.

New Investments in Pay for Success Transactions for Early Education. The Corporation for National and Community Service's Social Innovation Fund (SIF) and the Institute for Child Success (ICS) will make new resources available to help states and municipalities launch evidence-based early childhood interventions, by providing coaches and advisors to assist communities in developing Pay for Success transactions for early childhood investments. ICS will launch a competition to select 12 jurisdictions interested in supporting and creating a cohort of experts in early childhood and Pay for Success.

Curbing Preschool Suspension and Expulsion: Exclusionary discipline practices occur at high rates in early learning settings, and at even higher rates for young boys of color. As part of President Obama's *My Brother's Keeper* Initiative, Secretaries Duncan and Burwell will release a joint policy statement to address expulsion and suspension practices in early learning settings, encouraging states, early childhood programs, and families to prevent, reduce, and eliminate the expulsion and suspension of young children from child care and preschool programs. As part of this commitment, Secretary Burwell will dedicate \$4 million toward early childhood mental health consultation services to prevent this troubling practice and to help all children thrive in early learning settings.

PRESIDENT OBAMA'S PLAN FOR EARLY EDUCATION FOR ALL AMERICANS

These efforts build on the President's call in his 2013 State of the Union address to expand access to high-quality preschool for every child in America, through a series of new investments that establish a continuum of high-quality early learning for a child—beginning at birth and continuing to age 5.

- **Providing High-Quality Preschool for Every Child:** The President has proposed a new federal-state partnership to provide all low- and moderate-income four-year old children with high-quality preschool, while also expanding these programs to reach additional children from middle class families and incentivizing full-day kindergarten policies. This investment – financed through a cost-sharing model with states – will help close America's school readiness gap and ensure that children have the chance to enter kindergarten ready for success. Congress provided \$250 million in FY2014 under the Preschool Development Grants program.
- **Growing the Supply of Effective Early Learning Opportunities for Young Children :** To expand high-quality early learning opportunities in the years before preschool, the President has called for a significant investment in Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships. Congress provided \$500 million in FY2014 funding to support communities that expand the availability of Early Head Start and child care providers that meet the highest standards of quality for infants and toddlers, serving children from birth through age 3.
Extending and Expanding Evidence-Based, Voluntary Home Visiting : Voluntary home visiting programs enable nurses, social workers, and other professionals to connect low-income families to services and educational support shown to improve a child's health, development, and ability to learn. President Obama has called for an expansion of the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting program beyond the tens of thousands of children already reached, to support additional families in need. Congress acted this year on a bipartisan basis to extend funding for this important program through Spring, 2015.

BUILDING ON SUCCESS

Since taking office, President Obama has committed to a comprehensive early learning agenda for America's children that provides the support and services needed to set them on a path of success in school and in life:

Launching the Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge: President Obama has challenged states to close the school readiness gap through the Early Learning Challenge, a competitive fund that has enabled 20 states to increase the quality of their early education programs, to establish higher standards across programs and to provide critical links with health, nutrition, mental health, and family support for our neediest children. 20 states have been rewarded with grants totaling \$1 billion provided under this program.

Strengthening Head Start and Early Head Start: President Obama has invested over \$2.1 billion in Head Start and Early Head Start to enroll an additional 61,000 children and provide them with the educational, health, nutrition, social and other services they need to grow up healthy and ready for school. The Administration has also implemented needed reforms in the program, identifying and requiring lower-performing providers to compete for funding in order to ensure that families and children receive the best services and support, while also pioneering innovative approaches to a full continuum of services for children from birth through school-entry.

Reforming the Federal Child Care System: President Obama has taken consistent steps to improve the early care and education available to families through the Child Care and Development Fund, investing more than \$2 billion to assist hundreds of thousands of children and families at the height of the recession. The CCDF helps nearly 900,000 families pay for child care for over 1.4 million children each month. In November, the President signed the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014,

raising health and safety requirements for child care providers, outlining family-friendly eligibility policies, and ensuring that parents have information about the child care choices available to them.

Offering Voluntary, Evidence-Based Home Visiting: Established in 2010, the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting program supports voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services to parents with young children up to age five. The program builds on research showing that home visits by a nurse, social worker, or other professional during pregnancy and in the earliest years of life can significantly improve maternal and child health, child development, learning, and success. \$1.9 billion has been committed by Congress for voluntary home visiting across all 50 states, supporting to date more than 1.4 million visits in over 700 communities. President Obama will pursue substantial investments to extend and expand this important program to reach additional families in need.

