

DECLARATION RE: DENIAL
OF HEALTHCARE

I, Elizabeth Oshiro, declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18 years, have personal knowledge of the information contained in this declaration, and am competent to testify thereto if called as a witness.
2. I am an enrolled member of the Nooksack Indian Tribe who has been targeted for disenrollment by a holdover Nooksack Tribal Council with no authority to act, per a final agency decision of the Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs.
3. My mother, Olive T. Oshiro, also an enrolled member of the Nooksack Tribe, has also been targeted for disenrollment by the holdover Nooksack Tribal Council.
4. On Monday, November 28, 2016, I went to Hoagland Pharmacy, located at 2330 Yew St., Bellingham, WA 98229, and Walgreens Pharmacy, located at 1070 E. Sunset Dr., Bellingham, WA 98226.
5. I went to these pharmacies to refill medical prescriptions that my mother and I have been taking for years. For decades, these prescriptions and others have been paid for by the Nooksack Indian Tribe's health insurance plan, funded by the federal government.
6. Both pharmacies were unable to fulfill our prescriptions because our insurance did not go through. The employee at Walgreens Pharmacy said that she talked

to someone at the Nooksack Indian Health Department, who informed her that my mother and I no longer qualify for tribal medical insurance.

7. Today, on November 29, 2016, I called the Nooksack Medical Health Clinic to make an appointment and to confirm whether what the Walgreens employee told me was true. I spoke to the Clinic's receptionist, Elaine, who informed me that (1) indeed, my entire family is on a "list" of people who had been purportedly disenrolled from the Nooksack Indian Tribe, and (2) she was instructed by her manager not to make appointments, fulfill prescriptions, or provide any healthcare to persons on the "list."

8. My mother, Olive T. Oshiro, is 80 years old. She suffers from numerous health problems, including sjogren's syndrome, lung disease, high blood pressure, thyroid disease, and restless leg syndrome. She is also showing early stages of dementia, including insomnia and depression. She also has major visual problems, and has had cataract surgeries in both eyes. She is also physically handicapped and cannot walk without assistance. She also has major hearing loss.

9. Both my mother and I are on a fixed income. Without medical insurance we cannot receive medically necessary healthcare. Without the necessary medication, my mother will soon suffer a painful death.

10. The individuals currently professing to represent the Nooksack Indian Tribe have no right or authority to deny my mother and I healthcare. The federal government has made this very clear. Yet that is exactly what has happened.

11. My family and I urge whoever can step in and take control of these health services to do so as soon as possible. Our lives hang on the line.

12. The foregoing statement is made under penalty of perjury and under the laws of Nooksack Tribe, the State of Washington, and the United States, and is true and correct.

DATED this November 29, 2016.



Elizabeth Oshiro