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## **Nez-Lizer Administration welcomes U.S. Representative Gregory Stanton to the Navajo Nation**

**WINDOW ROCK** – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez had the honor of welcoming U.S. Rep. Gregory Stanton (D-AZ) to the Office of the President and Vice President in Window Rock on Friday, where they discussed the priorities of the Nez-Lizer Administration based on the voices and input of the Navajo people.

The meeting discussion focused on working together with Rep. Stanton and congress to advocate for road improvements, water rights allocations, Radiation Exposure Compensation Act amendments, and more. They also discussed the need to continue the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation to renovate homes and fulfill the obligations of their office to the Navajo people, and the need to construct new justice centers in Window Rock and Shiprock.

“The Nez-Lizer Administration is committed to working with all congressional members to create more opportunities for our communities and families by changing and developing policies at the federal level,” said President Nez.

In a letter from President Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer, they noted that the Nez-Lizer Administration is working to create more scholarship opportunities for Navajo students, and requested the Congressman’s assistance to preserve the Higher Education Grant through the Bureau of Indian Affairs.



**PHOTO: Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez meeting with U.S. Rep. Gregory Stanton (D-AZ) at the Office of the President and Vice President in Window Rock, Ariz. on Aug. 30, 2019.**

During his visit, Congressman Stanton also met several Division Directors including Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office Executive Director Robert K. Black, Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency Executive Director Oliver B. Whaley, Division of Human Resources Executive Director Dr. Perphelia Fowler, Division of Transportation Executive Director Garret Silversmith, Division of General Services Executive Director Lomardo Aseret, Tax Commission Office Executive Director Martin Ashley, and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Tommy Lewis.

As a member of the U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Congressman Stanton also toured the Nation's air transportation facilities, and several roads in the communities of Red Lake, N.M. and surrounding areas with Directors Silversmith and Aseret to provide a firsthand perspective of road conditions. Dr. Lewis also accompanied Congressman Stanton and his staff to a visit to Hunters Point Boarding School, where they met students, teachers, and school administrators.

The Congressman also had the opportunity to meet with members of the 24th Navajo Nation Council as part of his visit to the Navajo Nation. Congressman Stanton expressed his appreciation to the leaders of the Navajo Nation for the opportunity to discuss the many issues of great importance to the Navajo people and many communities.

"Our time with Congressman Stanton was a great opportunity for us to layout the issues and provide his office with an overview of our positions and to outline how he can help us at the federal level," stated President Nez. "Our team greatly appreciates the visit with Congressman Stanton and his staff. Thank you for visiting the Navajo Nation and for your support for our people," added President Nez.

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