



## 25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL LEGISLATION SPONSORSHIP WITHDRAWAL

I, Hon. Crystalyne Curley, Primary Sponsor of proposed legislation hereby withdraw my sponsorship of the proposed legislation. The legislation tracking number is 0012-24.

If there are any co-sponsors, they may re-sponsor the same bill by beginning a new legislation.

SPONSOR SIGNATURE:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Crystalyne Curley", is written over a horizontal line.

DATE:

4/18/2024

## **SUMMARY OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

Tracking No. 0012-24

DATE: January 12, 2024

**RE: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE;  
APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
MEDIA POLICY & PROCEDURES**

### **Purpose of this Legislation:**

to approve the Legislative Branch Media Policy & Procedures developed by the Office of the Speaker.

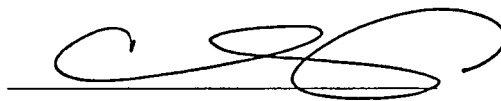
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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

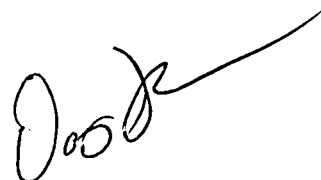
25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Second Year, 2024

Introduced by:



(Prime Sponsor)

Tracking No. 0012-24



AN ACTION

**RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING THE  
NAVAJO NATION LEGISLATIVE BRANCH MEDIA POLICY & PROCEDURES**

**BE IT ENACTED:**

**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- A. The Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council serves as the Branch Chief for the Navajo Nation Legislative Branch, and exercises administrative authority over the Legislative Branch and matters involving the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §285(A).
- B. The Speaker presides over all Navajo Nation Council meetings and all Naabik'íyáti' Committee meetings. 2 N.N.C. §285(B)(1).
- C. The Speaker also has the authority to direct and supervise the personnel and programs under the Legislative Branch as provided by law. 2 N.N.C. §285(B)(2).
- D. The Office of the Speaker provides support and assistance to the Speaker in carrying out her duties. Navajo Nation Office of the Speaker Plan of Operation, Resolution No. NABIAU-25-23, dated August 29, 2023. **EXHIBIT A.**
- E. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and has oversight authority over the Legislative Branch of the Navajo Nation, including the authority to promulgate rules and regulations for the Legislative Branch. 2 N.N.C. §700(A), 2 N.N.C. §701(A)(5).

1     **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

2     A. The Office of the Speaker has prepared the proposed “Legislative Branch Media Policy &  
3       Procedures” (draft attached hereto as **EXHIBIT B**).

4     B. The Office of the Speaker has developed this draft in response to certain incidents in which  
5       members of the public media insisted on placing themselves close to Council Delegates  
6       during Navajo Nation Council meetings, and broadcasting such meetings to the public in real  
7       time. Such incidents raised serious concerns regarding logistics, legally required  
8       confidentiality for certain matters, the need to maintain an atmosphere that facilitates free  
9       and open discussion among delegates, and other issues related to live broadcasting of Navajo  
10      Nation Council meetings by individuals who are not members of the Council or support staff.

11    C. The Legislative Branch recognizes that open meetings are in keeping with Ke’ and with Diné  
12      Bi Beenahaz’áanii. The Legislative Branch understands the traditional practice that Navajo  
13      leaders shall have respect and reverence for their community, and they shall maintain open  
14      communication with the Navajo People, keeping them informed about matters affecting  
15      them. However, a written policy is necessary to provide guidance for both Navajo Nation  
16      staff and members of the public media, and to ensure that no meetings are disrupted or  
17      delayed due to media interference and that the official business of the Navajo Nation is not  
18      hampered.

19    D. The Office of the Speaker determined that a written media policy is needed to address such  
20      circumstances in a fair, reasonable, and consistent manner, with due respect to members of  
21      the public media. The Legislative Branch finds the attached Legislative Branch Media Policy  
22      to be in the best interest of the Navajo Nation and the Navajo People.

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24    **SECTION THREE. APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**  
25       **MEDIA POLICY & PROCEDURES**

26    A. The Navajo Nation hereby approves and adopts the Legislative Branch Media Policy &  
27      Procedures attached hereto as **EXHIBIT B**.

28    B. The approved Legislative Branch Media Policy & Procedures may be amended at any time  
29      by a duly adopted Resolution of the Naabik’íyáti’ Committee.

1   **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

2   This Action shall become effective as provided in 2 N.N.C. §221(B) and 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(17).

4   **SECTION FIVE. SAVING CLAUSE**

5   If any portion of this Action is determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or by  
6   a District Court of the Navajo Nation without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, the  
7   remainder of this Action shall be the law of the Navajo Nation.



NABIAU-25-23

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE  
25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First Year, 2023

AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING THE  
PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER OF  
THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council that serves as the oversight committee for the Office of Legislative Services and other offices, programs, commissions, boards or task forces under the Legislative Branch of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 701(A) (5).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Office of the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council (Office of the Speaker) is established under the Legislative Branch in 2 N.N.C. § 281(A). The Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council is authorized by law to direct and supervise the personnel and programs under the Legislative Branch. 2 N.N.C. § 285(B) (2).
- B. The purpose of this legislation is to approve a Plan of Operation for the Office of the Speaker attached as Exhibit A.
- C. Pursuant to the Plan of Operation for the Office of the Speaker attached as Exhibit A, the Office of the Speaker purposes are:
1. Provide support and assistance to the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council in carrying out the Speaker's duties.
  2. Ensure the efficient administration and support of daily business and activities of the Navajo Nation Council and its Standing Committees.
  3. Ensure the efficient operation of the programs under the Legislative Branch.

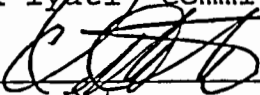
SECTION THREE. APPROVING THE PLAN OF OPERATION OF THE NAVAJO NATION  
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

The Naabik'íyáti' Committee hereby approves the Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Office of the Speaker attached as Exhibit A.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 16 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.

Honorable Otto Tso, Chairman Pro Tem  
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

  
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Date

08/29/23

Motion: Honorable Rickie Nez

Second: Honorable Shaandiin Parrish

Chairman Pro Tem Otto Tso not voting



## Navajo Nation Office of the Speaker

### Plan of Operation

#### I. ESTABLISHMENT

The Navajo Nation Office of the Speaker is established within the Legislative Branch, Navajo Nation Government at 2 N.N.C. § 281. The Office of the Speaker shall have such support personnel as may be budgeted for. 2 N.N.C. § 281 (C). The Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council has the power and authority to direct and supervise the personnel and programs under the Legislative Branch. 2 N.N.C. §285 (B) (2).

#### II. PURPOSE

The Office of the Speaker shall have the power to perform any and all acts necessary to fulfill the following purposes:

1. Provide support and assistance to the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council in carrying out the Speaker's duties.
2. Ensure the efficient administration and support of daily business and activities of the Navajo Nation Council and its Standing Committees.
3. Ensure the efficient operation of the programs under the Legislative Branch.

#### III. STAFFING & ORGANIZATION

1. The Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall appoint assistants, administrators, clerical staff and other personnel as may be budgeted for.
2. There is hereby established the position of Chief of Staff of the Navajo Nation Office of the Speaker.
3. The Chief of Staff shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Navajo Nation and shall serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the Navajo Nation. The Chief of Staff shall coordinate with the Navajo Nation Council and the Legislative Branch programs and commissions to promote effective operations.
4. Positions within the Office of the Speaker shall be employed as regular status employees and political-at-will employees in accordance with the Navajo Nation Personnel Policies Manual. All personnel of the Office of the Speaker shall be employed and compensated in accordance with the applicable Navajo Nation Personnel Policies Manual.



5. The Organizational Chart for the Office of the Speaker is included as Attachment "A."

#### IV. RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITIES

The responsibilities and authorities of the Navajo Nation Office of the Speaker shall include:

1. Manage and administer the overall direction of the Office of the Speaker and assist the Legislative Branch programs;
2. Develop internal policies and procedures related to the overall duties of the Office of the Speaker;
3. Maintain communication and coordination with the Navajo Nation Council, its Standing Committees and Federal, State, and Local governments;
4. Coordinate and develop policies and strategies to implement the Office of the Speaker objectives including financial management, human resources management, information technology, and security protection; and
5. Carry out other responsibilities as assigned by the Speaker of the Navajo Nation.

#### V. LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT

The Navajo Nation Office of the Speaker shall operate under the legislative oversight of the Navajo Nation Naabik'iyati Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.

#### VI. AMENDMENTS

This plan of operation may be amended as needed by the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council through the Naabik'iyati Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.



## LEGISLATIVE BRANCH MEDIA POLICY & PROCEDURES

SUBJECT	MEDIA POLICY & PROCEDURES	RELEASE DATE TBD
REFERENCES		

### PURPOSE

To provide guidance and clarification on the use of media during meetings of the Navajo Nation Government. This shall include Navajo Nation Council Sessions and work sessions, Standing Committee Meetings and work sessions, Sub-Committee Meetings and work sessions, as well as, Commission, Board, and Task Force Meetings and work sessions. These media policy and procedures shall also apply to all public hearings. This policy and procedure shall ensure that all media correspondence adheres to journalistic standards of integrity and conduct.

### DEFINITIONS

**Media Coverage:** Any recording, photographing, or broadcasting of a meeting by the media using social media, television, radio, photographic, or recording equipment.

**Media:** A means of mass communication including but not limited to the internet and social media, magazines, newspapers, television, and radio.

**Media Representative(s):** Representatives identifying as Media by way of television, radio, newspaper, magazines, and/or freelance writing.

**Media Credentials:** An official document or statement provided by the Office of the Speaker to Media Representatives.

**Media Box or Area:** Area for credentialed media designated by Chairperson.

**Streaming:** A method of transmitting or receiving video and/or audio material over a computer or cellular network.

**Live Stream:** Transmitting or receiving LIVE video and audio coverage over the internet.

**Recording:** The action or process of recording sound or a performance for subsequent reproduction or broadcasting.

### POLICY

The Navajo Nation Office of the Speaker with the assistance of the Office of Legislative Services shall have oversight of the official live streaming of meetings and primary streaming services. Media organizations requesting to live stream or record shall obtain media credentials from the Office of the Speaker. Notification that the media has requested such coverage shall be provided by the Office of the Speaker to the respective committee(s).

The media box/area, within the Navajo Nation Council Chamber, shall be reserved for credentialed media members only. For other meeting locations, the presiding chairperson of a committee shall designate the location in the meeting room for media equipment and operators to permit reasonable coverage without disruption.

All recording, streaming devices and equipment shall only be allowed within the designated media box/area while the device is recording or live streaming. No media recording and streaming devices and equipment shall be allowed outside the designated media box/area while it is recording or live streaming, in order to keep walkways, clear for the safety of the general public in the event of an emergency.

Photos are allowed to be taken from the gallery of the Council Chamber so long as the photos are to be used in a respectful manner. During special recognitions or presentations, credentialed media and family members of those being recognized, may take photos on the meeting floor with permission from the Office of the Speaker or Chairperson of the meeting.

While the Navajo Nation is conducting official business (meetings and work sessions), no interviews shall be conducted on the meeting floor. All interviews shall be conducted before or after the meeting or during a recess. Media representatives who wish to utilize a camera to record their interview outside the media box shall step out of the meeting room unless permission is granted by the Chairperson to film on the meeting floor.

Executive Sessions and other meetings requiring attorney-client privilege shall follow Standing Committees Rules of Order and Navajo Nation Council Rules of Order, there shall be no recording and live streaming.

Failure to comply with the Media Policy and Procedures may result in the suspension of media credentials.

## PROCEDURES

Media organizations who are requesting media credentials shall submit a request through the Office of the Speaker – Communications Section in a timely manner prior to the proposed meeting.

Members of the media shall check-in with the Sergeant-at-Arms or Designated Legislative Staff upon arrival to receive media credentials.

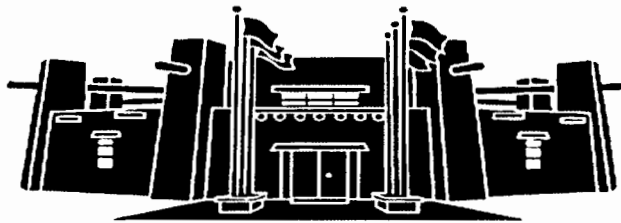
The Sergeant-at-Arms or Designated Legislative Staff shall have the duty and responsibility to provide oversight over the administration of the designated media area. This includes verifying and administering media credentials and seating arrangements.

Media credentials must be worn and be visible at all times.

These policies and procedures may be enforced by the Sergeant-at-Arms or Designated Legislative Staff.


Appendix A: Media Credentials Application

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## MEMORANDUM

To : Hon. Crystalyne Curley, Speaker  
25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

From:   
Luralene D. Tapahe, Principal Advocate  
Office of Legislative Counsel

Date: January 12, 2024

Subject: **AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE;  
APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION LEGISLATIVE BRANCH MEDIA  
POLICY & PROCEDURES**

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Pursuant to your request, the Office of Legislative Counsel has prepared the above-described proposed legislation. OLC finds this draft to be legally sufficient, but as with any action of the Navajo Nation government, it can be challenged under applicable laws.

You may assign this legislation to the appropriate committees, in accordance with your authority under Title 2 of the Navajo Nation Code.

Please review this legislation and all of its exhibits, to make sure that everything is satisfactory. You should contact me immediately if any edits are needed, or if you have any questions or other concerns. I can be reached at phone no. (928)871-7166 or by email at: [LuraleneTapahe@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:LuraleneTapahe@navajo-nsn.gov)

Thank you for your patience.

THE NAVAJO NATION  
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION



LEGISLATION NO: \_0012-24\_

SPONSOR: Crystalyne Curley

**TITLE: An Action Relating to Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Approving the Navajo Nation Legislative Branch Media Policy & Procedures**

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**THE NAVAJO NATION  
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**LEGISLATION NO.: 0012-24**

**SPONSOR: Honorable Crystalyne Curley**

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**Posted: January 12, 2024 at 4:42 PM**

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People, the public, has the right to know what the govt is doing.

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Officials took the oath.

The Navajo Nation Council web states "Navajo Nation Council/ Empowering Our People, Preserving ...

How can people be empower if they do not have the information. .

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Dr. Christine Benally

Littlewater, NM

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## Legislation 0012-24



**stefanie**

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Good Evening from To'Nanees'Dizi,

Please accept this as an official comment that as a registered voter for Tuba City and a resident of Tuba City that I do not support this legislation.

Respectfully, Stefanie Haswood

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## Legislation 0012-24



Shannon Platero

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Hello! I DO NOT support this legislation. The Co-Sponsor is my Council Delegate Danny Simpson but he does NOT represent me in this legislation.

This legislation is screaming censorship! This legislation is a vilolation of our First Amendment Rights and Freedom of the Press! The Speaker should not have the authority to say who is or is not allowed to live stream in meetings/public hearings. Currently, not all meetings are live streamed. Where is the transparency? How is this legislation helping our people get information?

Unless we can add an amendment that says "the Speaker SHALL make ALL meetings LIVE stream", this legislation needs to be voted red.

Shannon Platero  
Registered Voter at Nageezi Chapter

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## LEGISLATION 0012-24



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As a voting member of the Navajo Nation, I am in opposition of LEGISLATION 0012-24. This is outright CENSORSHIP & DICTATORSHIP! As candidates for the 25th Navajo Nation Council Election, majority of you focused on transparency in your platform to gain votes from our Navajo People. LEGISLATION 0012-24 obviously does not support the transparency our Nation needs. LEGISLATION 0012-24 clearly VIOLATES our Constitutional Rights under the 1st AMENDMENT! THIS NOT OUR DINE' way of life to work against our people! WE voted and entrusted each of you to WORK FOR THE PEOPLE now, and for generations to come! VOTE RED & be more transparent with our people!



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## NO on Legislation #0012-24

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My Navajo Nation council, it is against the Law to impose censorship on our 1st Amendment rights of our freedom of speech and press.

We want transparency, our people want transparency. We have the right to know how our own government is acting on behalf of our people. When you introduce a legislation - you should ask yourself 1st - will this legislation benefit our people?

How is it a legislation that does not benefit our people is dropped and acted upon so promptly? ... While legislations that could help our people are further pushed back into oblivion?

If this legislation is to protect Eugenia Charles Newton, why is she out in public, out in the open walking the parade route? This legislation is absurd, preposterous and ridiculous. We need to be focused on other issues to protect, care for and uplift our people. NO, NO, NO, doh dah, to this legislation.

Thank you,


Vali Naakaii Yazzie

(Bessie Lameman)

Mexican Water Chapter house

Curtis Yanito is my delegate

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## Legislation 012-24



**Elise Mix**

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I understand the above reference legislation is being discussed on 01/18/24 and possibly to make it into a Navajo Nation law. As a Dine constituent and representing my family, including my elderly mother, veteran brothers, siblings, nieces and nephews would like to express our voices and oppose (vote RED) the passage of this legislation. We are asking you, the leaders of the Navajo Nation, to do right for the Dine' people who elected you. We voted you all in, not for you to shut us out of our government, our Dine home (Council chamber), please show respect and encourage each other to be honest and transparent to the people. Encourage each other that your people deserve to be included in all decisions being made on our behalf, which you all have promised anyway. Encourage each other that our people have constitutional rights to include freedom of speech, freedom of the press, right to assemble if there are signs of oppression, injustice and so forth. Please vote for what is in the best interest of the Dine people and Nation.

Thank you.

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**Elise Mix**

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## Legislation 0012-24: An Action Relating to Naabik'íyáti' Committee; Approving the Navajo Nation Legislative Branch Media Policy & Procedures

**Dellard Curley**

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Yá'át'ééh Shi Na'taa of the 25th Navajo Nation Council,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the recently proposed Media Policy and Procedures by the Navajo Nation Council Speaker, specifically in relation to the conduct and restrictions placed on media coverage during official meetings.

While I acknowledge the importance of establishing guidelines to ensure the integrity and conduct of media coverage, I am concerned that certain provisions within the policy may infringe upon the principles of freedom of the press and transparency, which are essential in a democratic society.

The requirement for media organizations to obtain credentials from the Office of the Speaker raises questions about potential limitations on the independence of the press. While I appreciate the need for oversight, it is crucial to strike a balance that allows for unhindered journalistic activities while maintaining the decorum of official meetings.

The designation of a specific media box/area within the Navajo Nation Council Chamber, coupled with restrictions on recording and streaming devices outside this area, may inadvertently limit the ability of media professionals to effectively cover events without disruption. Moreover, the prohibition of interviews on the meeting floor during official business raises concerns about the practicality and reasonableness of such restrictions.

I understand the importance of maintaining order during Executive Sessions and meetings involving attorney-client privilege. However, a careful review of the policy should be conducted to ensure that the limitations imposed align with democratic values while still safeguarding the confidentiality required in certain situations.

Furthermore, the provision stating that failure to comply with the Media Policy and Procedures may result in the suspension of media credentials raises concerns about potential censorship and the stifling of journalistic freedom.

I kindly request a reconsideration of these aspects within the policy to strike a balance between



approach to media coverage during official meetings.

Thank you for your attention to these concerns, and I trust that the Navajo Nation Council will continue to uphold the values of democracy and freedom of the press.

Thank you,

**Dellard Curley**

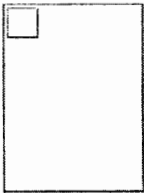
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



## Legislation 24-12



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## [EXTERNAL]Justice for Marley



Sue Ann Manuelito

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Vote red for 0012-124. Marley is our eyes and ears in the council chambers and all meetings; keeping us informed on all important legislations that impact us Dine' people. Vote red

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## Legislation 0012-24 Comment



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Yesterday, 9:55 PM  
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I am a registered voter of Shiprock, NM.

Tse Ho Tso is where I am from. Be advised, I am against the recently uploaded legislation 0012-24.

It seems like a bad political tactic to keep The People in the dark. We have a right to receive information via public means regarding the Navajo Nation Government.

The Speaker has already removed chats from YouTube; removed streaming from Facebook, and Council work sessions streaming are inconsistent in being streamed online. The Only means is via Zoom only if you are tech savvy. This is wrong and I do not agree with this political tactic.

Sincerely,  
Candice Yazzie

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## [EXTERNAL]legislation #0012-24



Refina Willie ·

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Yááteeh, my name is Refina Willie from the Shiprock community (Shiprock Chapter). As a member of the Navajo Nation, I do not support this legislation. As citizens of the Navajo Nation, we have a right for our Navajo Nation government officials to be transparent. This legislation is a direct violation of the transparency that was promised to us during each delegates' campaign. Having the Speaker to have this amount of power and authority is dangerous and veering towards a Totalitarian system. Each and every meeting that has a direct impact on the citizens of the Navajo Nation needs to be broadcasted on multiple platforms so we are given a chance to be involved and see how our delegates are working for us.

I ask all our delegates to vote red on this legislation.

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## Legislation 0012-24

**w peters**

Yesterday, 9:59 PM

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I am a registered voter of Lower Greasewood Chapter and my council delegate is Cherilyn Yazzie. I respectfully request that Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie along with the other 25th NN Council to vote RED on this legislation "because it promotes censorship and violations of our 1st Amendment Rights and Freedom of Speech". My family and I voted for you because we wanted change for a better communication with your chapters and you all campaigned on being transparent. Thank you and I will be watching how my council delegate and the rest of you vote tomorrow on this legislation.

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## Legislation 0012-24

**Lisa Yazza**

Yesterday, 10:04 PM

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I would like for my counsel delegate to hear my voice. Please vote red on legislation 0012-24. I just don't understand how something like this could happen. I am appalled that this legislation is up for a vote. I just don't understand how you would want to take my voice from me my opportunity to learn from my leaders. And the chance to make a difference and be a part of something that could be magnificent if we all learn to get along and stop the secrets. Stop the lies and corruption. Please I am asking my counsel delicate and all delegates from the 25th navajo nation to please hear my voice and vote red.

I have lived on the reservation all my life and due to my health issues I am not able to attend meetings and having the meetings broadcast on the internet is great. I get my updates as to what is happening I get it first hand no second hand news. And I don't have to risk my health to get this information. Please I ask again please vote red don't shut me out I am also a part of the Navajo tribe. Thank you for listening.

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



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Yesterday, 10:05 PM  
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As a citizen of the Navajo Nation I would urge you to vote RED on  
Legislation 0012-24

For the reason it promotes censorship and violation of my right of freedom of speech, or of the press, as a Navajo.

Name: Verdell Slim  
Chapter: Little Water Chapter

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## Legislation 0012-24



**Cindy Powers**

Yesterday, 10:17 PM

comments; mshebala@gmail.com 

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Yaahteeh! I'm from Tonalea, Arizona and my name is Cindy Powers. I oppose legislation 0012-24 and I encourage you to vote RED on Legislation 0012-24.

Thank you,  
Cindy Powers

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

## Doodá to Legislation 0012-24



Cornelia Wagoner

Yesterday, 11:06 PM

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!! Dooda to Legislation 0012-24

Subject: Legislation 0012-24. Vote Red.

My name is: Cornelia Wagoner

I am a member of the Navajo Nation and my Chapter is: TSIDI TO'II / Birdsprings





To: 25th NN Council

Vote RED on this legislation 0012-24, because it promotes censorship and VIOLATES our 1st Amendment Rights and Freedom of the Press.

Thank you.

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## Dooda to Legislation 0012-24



Alberta Horseherder

Yesterday, 11:15 PM

comments; mshebala@gmail.com 

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!! Dooda to Legislation 0012-24

Subject: Legislation 0012-24. Vote Red.

My name is: Alberta Horseherder

I am a member of the Navajo Nation and my Chapter is: hardrock Chapter

To: 25th NN Council,

Vote RED on this legislation 0012-24, because it promotes censorship and violations of our 1st Amendment Rights and Freedom of the Press.

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## Legislation 0012-24. Vote RED



lenebitsui

Yesterday, 11:27 PM

comments; mshebala@gmail.com ↗

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Legislation 0012-24. Vote Red.

My name is: Carolene Bitsui

I am a member of the Navajo Nation and my Chapter is: Kayenta

To: 25th NN Council,  
Vote RED on this legislation 0012-24, because it promotes censorship and violations of our 1st Amendment Rights and Freedom of the Press.

Thank you,  
Carolene (Lene) Bitsui

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## DOODA TO LEGISLATION -0012-24



Elaine Lester

Yesterday, 11:31 PM

comments; mshebala@gmail.com 

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I am a registered voter from Leupp Chapter.

It is of great sadness to hear that this legislation is being presented at NABI tomorrow, Jan.18th, 2024!

Due to lack of suitable employment, we had to leave the great Navajo Nation to seek employment that would sustain our daily lives.

I started listening to as many meetings to keep myself informed of the local and NN government so that I could cast my votes based on the necessary information, when deemed possible. Without these live streaming, it is hard to stay informed of any up to date information especially with the financial aspects of the Navajo Nation. I shared these information with my family as well as my elderly mother that still is interested in what the local and NN government issues are being handled.

I cast my vote based on the campaign tactics that there would be transparency among the three branches of government. At this moment, I don't see that.

I implore you as the 25th NN Council to vote RED on Legislation 0012-24 because it promotes censorship and violates our 1st Amendment Rights and Freedom of the Press. Stay true to your campaign promises that there would be transparency. Be the council that made the difference for the better.

Prayers that you find compassion for the 400+ Dine that put their faith in you all to be the voice for the people, not to dictate. Be transparent!

Thank you!

Elaine Lester

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## Legislation 0012-24, VOTE RED



Libby Williamz

Yesterday, 11:48 PM

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My name is Libby Williams, living in Flagstaff,AZ and my Chapter is Coalmine Mesa,

Please vote RED on legislation 0012-24 because it will violate our 1st Amendment Rights and Freedom of the Press.

Also an apology is due to our respected elder and reporter Marley Shebala.

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## Opposing Legislation 0012-24

**Eleanor Smith**

Yesterday, 11:53 PM

comments; Crystalyne Curley; mshebala@gmail.com

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25th Navajo Nation Council Members,

I am very disappointed in this 25th Navajo Nation Council's continued suppression and violations of our First Amendment Rights, Freedom of Speech, and Freedom of the Press; rights that are guaranteed to us by the United States Government and rights that should be upheld and supported by the Navajo Nation. Many of the 25th Navajo Nation Council Delegates ran for office promising transparency and accountability, yet these promises have turned into further censorship of our voices through suppression of our comments on the 25th Council's online streaming platforms, which has also been limited to YouTube only, limiting video viewing options, and only streaming select meetings, disconnecting your Dine' people of their right to an open and transparent government. These actions are those of a Communist government that seeks to control their people in every way and not allow the freedoms our Veterans fought and died for. This Legislation 0012-24, seems to have been drafted to appease Eugenia Charles-Newton's rants at the last Council Session when she was seen and heard yelling across Council Chambers at Marley Shebala, an Investigative Journalist who has pioneered and provided truth and transparency in Navajo Government reporting for more than 40 years! We all witnessed Delegate Charles-Newton's erratic meltdown not only at this Council meeting, but on other occasions, pushing her narcissistic behavior to the limit to get what she wants, even at the cost of suppressing her Dine' people's rights. She has consistently shown she doesn't care for her people, although she claims she does in her videos seeking attention. If she truly cared for her people, she would put her differences aside and work with her only chapter, Shiprock Chapter, which she has NOT stepped foot into for over THREE YEARS now. Please do NOT give in to her rants and do NOT suppress and violate our Civil Rights, our Second Amendment Rights, and our Rights to Freedom of the Press, as we WILL seek legal remedy. Please VOTE RED to Legislation 0012-24. Ahxéhee'.

Eleanor Smith, Teec Nos Pos Chapter voter

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re: Legislation 0012-24. VOTE RED!!



Gen LUCERO

Today, 1:28 AM

comments; mshebala@gmail.com 

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My name is: Genevieve Lucero

I am a member of the Navajo Nation and my Chapter is: Torreon Chapter.

To: 25th NN Council,

Vote RED on this legislation 0012-24, because it promotes censorship and violations of our 1st Amendment Rights and Freedom of the Press!!

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## Legislation 0012-24. Vote Red



esther hoskie

Today, 1:44 AM

comments; mshebala@gmail.com 

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My name is Esther Hoskie. I am a member of the Navajo Nation and my chapter is St. Michaels.

TO: 25th NN Council, Vote RED on this legislation 0012-24, because it promotes censorship and violations of our 1st Amendment Rights and Freedom of the Press.

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

## [EXTERNAL]Censorship



Camille Livingston

Today, 3:54 AM

comments; mshebala@gmail.com 

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Subject: Legislation 0012-24. Vote Red.

My name is: Camille Livingston

I am a member of the Navajo Nation and my Chapter is: Churchrock Chapter.

To: 25th NN Council,

Vote RED on this legislation 0012-24, because it promotes censorship and violations of our 1st Amendment Rights and Freedom of the Press.

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## Legislation 0012-24



Bri2021

Today, 7:10 AM

comments; mshebala@gmail.com; Otto Tso 

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Good morning,

My name is Brian Bilagody registered vote and enrolled members of the great Navajo Nation.

As a resident of Tuab City ,Az I oppose this legislation 0012-24.

Otto I support you to vote red.

Ahe'he'ee, Brian

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