

## **LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

**Tracking No. 0005-25**

**DATE:** January 15, 2025

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF KRIS O. BEECHER, ESQ. AS THE NAVAJO NATION ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this proposed resolution is to Kris O. Beecher as the Navajo Nation Attorney General.

**Final Authority:** Navajo Nation Council

**Vote Required:** Simple Majority

**This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.**

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PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
25<sup>TH</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Third Year, 2025

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TRACKING NO. 0005-25

AN ACTION

RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND  
THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF  
KRIS O. BEECHER, ESQ. AS THE NAVAJO NATION ATTORNEY GENERAL

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation and shall confirm the appointments of all division directors upon recommendation from the appropriate oversight committee. 2 N.N.C. §§ 102 (A) and (F).
- B. A proposed resolution requiring final action by the Navajo Nation Council shall be assigned to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(9).
- C. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight authority over the Navajo Nation Department of Justice and the administration of justice on the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 600 and 601 (C)(2).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Navajo Nation Council appoints the Navajo Nation Attorney General at the recommendation of the Navajo Nation President. 2 N.N.C. §1962(B).

1 B. The Navajo Nation President recommends Kris O. Beecher, Esq., as the Navajo  
2 Nation Attorney General. Mr. Beecher's appointment letter and resume are attached  
3 as **Exhibit A**.

4 C. The Navajo Nation Attorney General serves at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation  
5 Council. 2 N.N.C. §1962(B).

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7 **SECTION THREE. APPOINTMENT AND CONFIRMATION**

8 A. The Navajo Nation Council appoints and confirms Kris O. Beecher, Esq., as the Navajo  
9 Nation Attorney General.

10 B. Mr. Beecher shall serve at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council and his term shall  
11 run concurrent with the Navajo Nation President Buu Van Nygren's term.



**The Navajo Nation DR. BUU NYGREN** PRESIDENT

**Yideeskáadi Nitsáhákees | Think for the Future**

December 18, 2024

Kris Beecher

*RE: Appointment as Navajo Nation Attorney General*

Dear Mr. Beecher:

I am recommending and appointing you as the Attorney General for the Navajo Nation in accordance with 2 N.N.C. §1962 (B), which states that, "...The Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General **shall** be appointed by the Navajo Nation Council, upon the recommendation of the President..."

As you are aware, I am making this appointment because the Navajo Nation Council removed Ms. Ethel Branch as the Attorney General. Deputy Attorney General Heather Clah serves in the stead of the Attorney General until the Navajo Nation Council approves you as the Attorney General.

In addition, the Navajo Nation Code establishes the position of Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General. I have consulted with Ms. Clah, and you will serve as the Acting Deputy Attorney General until you are approved by the Navajo Council. I appreciate Ms. Clah's leadership and commitment to serving the Navajo People by ensuring a smooth transition as we work through the unprecedented removal of the Attorney General.

Finally, I must point out that given the unprecedented nature of Ms. Branch's removal, this appointment letter may be amended as necessary to reflect changed circumstances.

Thank you for serving as my Deputy Chief of Staff. Your new role as Acting Deputy Attorney General will begin on December 19, 2024.

Sincerely,

Dr. Buu Nygren, *President*  
**THE NAVAJO NATION**

# Kris O. Beecher, Esq.

## Education

**Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at ASU, Phoenix, AZ**  
**W.P. Carey School of Business at ASU, Tempe, AZ**

J.D./MBA | May 2020

- O'Connor Merit Scholar
- J.D./MBA Concurrent Degree Program

**Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ**

B.A. | May 2016

- Political Science Major/ Communication Minor
- Political Entrepreneurship through Internships: Local to Global Certificate
- Summa Cum Laude

**Mesa Community College, Mesa, AZ**

A.A. with Distinction | May 2014

- Political Science Transfer Degree

AGEC-A with High Distinction | May 2014

**Eastern Arizona College**

General Studies | 1994-1995

## Professional Experience

January 2024-December 2024

**Deputy Chief of Staff | Office of the President and Vice President | Navajo Nation**

- Serves under the President and Chief of Staff in the executive administration of the Navajo Nation.
- Advises on all policies, platforms, communications, and strategies to achieve goals of the Administration.
- Serves as representative of the President, and as proxy for the President on the Investment Committee.
- Manages and oversees all day-to-day operations and functions of the Office of the President and Vice President.

March 2021-December 2023

**Associate Attorney | Dickinson Wright | Phoenix, AZ**

- Worked with Tribes and Tribal entities in Indian Law issues and litigation.
- Advised municipalities and their agencies on legal issues and litigation.
- Provided business and commercial litigation consultation.
- Provided Tribes and Tribal entities advice on economic development.

May 2017-May 2020

**Chairman | Board of Commissioners | Navajo Housing Authority | Navajo Nation**

- Served as oversight to the Navajo Housing Authority and its budget of \$70-90 million a year, which makes it the largest public housing authority in Indian Country, and nearly the 8<sup>th</sup> largest in the U.S.
- Analyzed all aspects of Navajo housing needs, including Federal regulations, Navajo Nation Code, internal policies, short & long-term goals, funding, investments, and overall direction of organization.
- Created, built, and maintained relationships with strategic partners and governmental leaders.
- Advocated for needed changes in policy and regulations related to Navajo housing.

January 2020-May 2020

**Extern | Arizona Court of Appeals | Phoenix, AZ**

(100 hours total)

- Extern for Judge David Gass.
- Researched, analyzed, and drafted appellate opinions for presentation in judicial conference.
- Attended court proceedings and judicial conferences.
- Reviewed case histories of Arizona Superior Court proceedings.

May 2019-July 2019

**Summer Associate | Dickinson Wright | Phoenix, AZ**

(40+ hours per week/Paid)

- Researched and analyzed Federal Indian Law including tribal sovereign immunity issues.
- Researched and drafted memoranda on various issues such as Securities Regulation, Medicare jurisdictional issues, Employment Law, and the Arizona State legislative process.
- Researched and drafted legal documents regarding H-1B Immigration and Family Law Parenting Plans.

Dec 2016-January 2017 & June-August 2017

**Law Clerk Intern | Office of the Chief Prosecutor | Navajo Nation | Tuba City, AZ (40 hrs per wk/Paid)**

- Created 228-page internal document of Navajo Nation Criminal Code Title 17 with annotation for use by all Prosecutors and staff of the Office of the Chief Prosecutor.
- Attended Court proceedings with Prosecutor, communicated with community and other agencies, attended training sessions, and gave presentation to staff regarding N.N.C. Title 17.

June 2016-August 2016

**Intern | Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs | Dept. of the Interior | Phoenix, AZ (40 hours per week/Paid)**

- Management Analyst Intern stationed at the Western Regional Office in Tribal Government Services
- Researched and analyzed current tribal constitutional law, Bureau of Indian Affairs policies, and presented analysis to leaders in Tribal and Federal Government at various meetings in the U.S.

January 2016-May 2016

**Intern | Arizona State Legislature House of Representatives | Phoenix, AZ (40+ hours per week/Paid)**

- House Majority Non-Partisan Research Staff Intern for the Commerce Committee.
- Researched, analyzed, and presented current law, policy, and proposed legislation to members of the Arizona House of Representatives in committee meetings.
- Attended in-depth stakeholder meetings, performed outreach to government entities and lobbying firms

March 2011-October 2015

**Property Manager | Reasonable Rentals | Chandler, AZ (40 hours per week)**

- Oversaw \$7.9 million dollars in real estate assets for company in various parts of the East Valley.
- Possessed comprehensive knowledge of relevant State, County, and City building compliance codes.
- Deployed strong project management skills in order to coordinate all property remodel/repair projects.

January 2015-May 2015

**Intern | City of Chandler Economic Development Division | Chandler, AZ (150 hours total)**

- Reviewed contracts of Development Agreements and summarized all pertinent information for department review of critical deadlines.
- Updated brochures for Chandler developments.

October 2003-March 2011

**Vice President & General Manager | Krank Amplification | Chandler, AZ (40+ hours per week)**

- Provided leadership as Vice President and General Manager of a guitar amplifier manufacturer, responsible for all day-to-day operations and overall direction of the company.
- Managed areas included marketing, worldwide sales, national and international code compliance, and customer service.

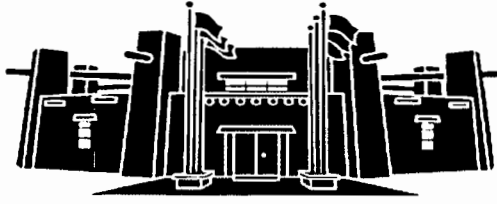
## Honors/Memberships

<b>Navajo Nation Bar Association Member</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sworn in June 9th 2017</li></ul>	2017-present
<b>Arizona State Bar Member</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Currently serves as Chair of the 2023-2024 Indian Law Section Executive Council</li></ul>	2021-present
<b>New Mexico State Bar Member</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sworn in October 12th, 2023</li></ul>	2023-present
<b>School of Politics and Global Studies Advisory Board Member</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arizona State University</li></ul>	2021-present

## Other Skills and Interests

- Excellent Multi-Tasking Abilities including Attention to Detail, Research, and Analytical Process
- Effective Communicator; Experience Engaging Diverse Communities and Stakeholder Groups
- Vast Experience Working with Native American Communities
- Strong Written and Interpersonal Communication Skills, Organizational Skills, and Leadership Skills
- Navajo Culture and Language Preservation

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Honorable Crystalyne Curley  
Speaker  
25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Hon. Otto Tso, Delegate  
25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

FROM:   
G. Michelle Espino, Chief Legislative Counsel  
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: January 15, 2025

**SUBJECT: AN ACTION RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF KRIS O. BEECHER, ESQ. AS THE NAVAJO NATION ATTORNEY GENERAL**

As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. The resolution drafted is legally sufficient, although, as with all legislation, challenges are possible in the courts. You are advised and encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure that it is drafted to your satisfaction. If you are satisfied with the proposed resolution, please sign it as "sponsor" and submit it to the Office of Legislative Services where it will be given a tracking number and sent to the Office of the Speaker for assignment. As you may be aware, the Speaker is authorized to refer this proposed resolution to other committees than those stated in the title.

If the proposed resolution is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like made to the proposed resolution. Ahéhee'.



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INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION



LEGISLATION NO: 0005-25

SPONSOR: Otto Tso

**TITLE: An Action Relating to Law and Order and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the Appointment of Kris O. Beecher, Esq. as the Navajo Nation Attorney General**

***Date posted:*** January 22, 2025 at 9:09 AM.

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**Posted: January 22, 2025, at 9:09 AM**

**5 DAY Comment Period Ended: January 27, 2025**

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**Legislative Secretary II**  
**Office of Legislative Services**

**January 28, 2025; 12:08 PM**  
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## Legislation 0005-25



**Alvino Sandoval**

Sat 1/25, 5:25 AM

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## Support of Kris O. Beecher for Attorney General



Christy Vezolles

Sat 1/25, 10:35 AM

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Dear esteemed members of the Navajo Nation Tribal Council:

I'm writing to express my support of Kris O. Beecher for Attorney General of the Navajo Nation. He was my son's classmate during the time I lived in Tuba City in the 1990s. It's been a real pleasure to see how he has elevated himself through education, earning his law degree from ASU and going on to serve the Navajo Nation. Although Beecher could have chosen to go into the private sector and earn far more money, he has put the well-being of his People first. I know Kris to be a dedicated family man. He is personable, conciliatory and fair-minded. He conducts himself with commitment and integrity, in his personal life as well as his professional life and is highly qualified for this position. It is with utmost respect for Kris O. Beecher and for the Navajo Nation that I recommend that the Tribal Council confirm him as Attorney General. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Christy Vezolles

Phoenix, Arizona

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## Legislation 0005-25 Kris O. Beecher



**Diana Clay**

Sat 1/25, 10:02 PM

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Good evening,

I highly support the legislation for Kris O. Beecher to be the next Navajo Nation Attorney General. Kris served as a 2016 Arizona Legislative and Government intern under my direct supervision. Kris wrote detailed bill summaries of proposed legislation, then presented the verbal outline of the measures in committee and Caucus, fielding difficult, thought-provoking questions at times. Elected officials voted on legislation based on the unbiased, nonpartisan written work of the Legislative Research Staff and the interns, Kris included. There is a level of professionalism by which all interns must abide, and Kris set the bar in that respect. Always upbeat, willing to help, respectful and dignified, Kris was a stand-out leader in his class. The interns are housed in a small room, and Kris was quick to help others, review and edit work for all interns. He made sure everyone was included in social or professional gatherings and helped his colleagues as needed. It was evident early in the internship that Kris was a prime candidate for law school. He caught onto the various complexities of law and learned to decipher how each section of law fit into the legislation.

Kris was one of the best interns that I have worked with in my 32 years working at the Arizona House of Representatives. His kind, gentle and caring ways were always welcomed by legislators and staff at all levels. He quickly earned my trust and admiration as well as everyone on staff. Kris is intelligent, honorable and a peacemaker who will do an amazing job as the next Navajo Nation Attorney General.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my appreciation and support for an outstanding candidate. Kris is a stellar young man who continues to drop by my office, speak with the interns and encourage them to strive for excellence. This unique gentleman deserves only the very best and greatest support. I highly recommend Kris, without reservation. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or need additional information.

Respectfully,

Diana



**Diana I. Clay**

Senior Research Analyst – Committee on Regulatory Oversight

Director, Majority Research Staff

Arizona House of Representatives

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## Legislation 0005-25



Mallory, Alexander

Sun 1/26, 11:29 AM

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Dear Legislators:

I write to support Mr. Kris Beecher's legislation for the next Navajo Nation Attorney General. I am from the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and an Associate at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP in Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. Beecher and I attended law school together and graduated in 2019.

While I cannot comment on Mr. Beecher's work product at the Navajo Nation's Office of the President, I believe that his experience there has only made him an even more qualified candidate to serve as the Navajo Nation Attorney General.

One of Mr. Beecher's strongest qualities is his intellectual curiosity. Someone who is as bright and as intellectually curious as Mr. Beecher is exactly the kind of person I would want to ensure fair and equal enforcement of the law.

On a personal note, Mr. Beecher is exceptionally bright, has a delightful demeanor, and always projects a positive attitude. I know his desire to serve as the next Navajo Nation Attorney General stems from his genuine commitment to pursuing justice.

It is without reservation that I support Mr. Beecher's legislation for the next Navajo Nation Attorney General.



Alexander Mallory

Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP

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## Legislation 0005-25



Christopher Billey

Yesterday, 8:05 AM

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Good morning, My name is Chris Billey. I am the executive director of the Tribal Homeownership Coalition of the southwest. I am writing this email in support of his appointment to the attorney general of the Navajo Nation.

Kris Beecher is a person of unwavering moral integrity, consistently making decisions guided by fairness and ethical principles. His progressive mindset drives innovation and forward-thinking solutions, making him a valuable asset for his proposed leadership role; Attorney General of the Navajo Nation. With remarkable tenacity and exceptional problem-solving skills, he approaches challenges with determination and creativity, ensuring success even in complex situations. The Tribal Homeownership Coalition of the Southwest supports his appointment.

Chris Billey  
Executive Director  
Tribal Homeownership Coalition of the SW

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January 25, 2025

Executive Director  
Office of Legislative Services  
P.O. Box 3390  
Window Rock, AZ 86515

RE: Legislation No. 0005-25; Confirming Appointment of Kris O. Beecher, Esq. as the Navajo Nation Attorney General

To the Respected Delegates of the Navajo Nation Council,

My name is Michaela RedCherries. I am a licensed attorney authorized to practice law in the State of Montana and the State of Texas. I am a proud graduate and alumni of the Indian Legal Program (ILP) at Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University (ASU). I attended Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law from Fall 2014 until Spring 2017.

By this letter, I am submitting my written comments in support of Kris. O. Beecher ("Mr. Beecher") to serve as the Navajo Nation Attorney General.

I have known Mr. Beecher since Fall 2015, when he began work-study in the ILP office while he was an undergraduate student at ASU. At the time, I was the research assistant to Professor Ferguson-Bohnee in the Indian Legal Clinic and I collaborated with Mr. Beecher on assignments at the direction of the ILP Executive Director Kate Rosier. While we worked together, I quickly and directly noticed Mr. Beecher's work discipline, his determination, and most importantly, his devotion to serving his people, the Navajo Nation.

It is no surprise that he graduated *summa cum laude* with a B.A. from Arizona State University, and no greater surprise that he was accepted to attend Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law to study Federal Indian law in the ILP. During my final year when Mr. Beecher entered law school, Mr. Beecher and I saw each other frequently because of our shared involvement in the ILP.

Expectedly because of Mr. Beecher's ambition, Mr. Beecher entered a dual-degree program and obtained a J.D and an MBA concurrently from the W. P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University.


It is important to note, and I wish to emphasize, Mr. Beecher's dedication to his professional development. In his final semester as an undergraduate at ASU, Mr. Beecher interned at the Arizona State Legislature, all while maintaining a 4.0 GPA and graduating *summa cum laude*. Thereafter, in the summer before he entered his first year of law school, he interned for the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs at the Department of Interior's Western Office. Significantly, and most notably, throughout his three (3) years of study at law school, Mr. Beecher served as the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the Navajo Housing Authority.

During the summers in between his studies, Mr. Beecher interned at the Office of the Chief Prosecutor for the Navajo Nation and at the notable law firm Dickinson Wright. In his final semester at law school, Mr. Beecher externed at the Arizona Court of Appeals, under Judge Gass.

Mr. Beecher has spent the last decade affording himself every professional opportunity to gain experience, expertise and knowledge to serve the Navajo Nation. I am honored to submit my comments in support of his appointment to serve as the Navajo Nation Attorney General of the Navajo Nation.

I believe Mr. Beecher has devoted his life to serving the Navajo Nation—and his professional dedication has been a testament to that devotion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michaela RedCherries", written in a cursive style.

Michaela RedCherries

New York, NY

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## Legislation 0005–25



Alicia Bennett

Yesterday, 10:04 AM

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### Letter of Support for Kris Beecher

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of my brother, Kris Beecher, a man of great integrity, strength, and unwavering dedication to his family, community, and the Navajo Nation. Throughout the years I have known him, Kris has exemplified what it means to be a leader, a mentor, and a role model.

Kris has consistently shown his passion for serving the Navajo people. From his time in school to his current endeavors, his commitment to our community has been evident in everything he does. He has always been a pillar of support, not just for his immediate family, but also for our extended relatives—from the valley to the reservation and beyond. His selflessness and dedication to uplifting others are traits that set him apart.

What stands out most about Kris is his resilience. He does not give up, even in the face of challenges. He approaches every obstacle with determination and a clear vision for positive outcomes. This strength, combined with his love for his family, culture, and the Navajo people, is a testament to his character and his ability to lead with compassion and purpose.

Kris's journey is an inspiration to me, my children, and countless others. His accomplishments prove that Native people can achieve anything they set their minds to. His strong heart and mind make him an invaluable asset to the Navajo Nation. I am confident that his dedication, knowledge, and integrity will contribute to creating meaningful changes and improving the lives of our people.

It is with great pride and love that I support Kris in his new journey. Congratulations, Kris—we believe in you and know that you will accomplish extraordinary things for our community.

Alicia Bennett

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**Abiegail Yazzie**

Yesterday, 11:57 AM

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We are supporting Kris Beecher. He is our own Navajo Attorney! He has knowledge of the NN President's initiatives and projects.

Thank you.

Abiegail B Yazzie, MSW  
Registered Voter from Whiterock Chapter

Johnstown, CO

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**Joe Keene**

Yesterday, 12:41 PM

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Navajo Nation Council,

My name is Joe Keene, I am an enrolled citizen of the Osage Nation and Cherokee Nation. I am a licensed attorney in Arizona and Oklahoma and am a partner at Pipestem Law, P.C., an Indian owned law firm located in Tulsa, OK. My work focuses on Federal Indian law, tribal law, and litigation. I am a graduate of Arizona State University College of Law and a licensed member of the Navajo Nation Bar.

I write this email to support my friend Kris Beecher as Navajo Nation Attorney General. I have known Mr. Beecher for over 10 years and he is an honest and hardworking individual who has the required professional experience to be Attorney General for the Navajo Nation. Mr. Beecher's education along with his work experience make him an ideal fit for the Navajo Nation Attorney General position. In his career, Mr. Beecher has represented tribal entities in numerous capacities and this experience will help him be a successful Attorney General. Throughout our friendship, Mr. Beecher always showed an awareness of tribal issues affecting the Navajo Nation and showed a concern for the well-being of the Navajo Nation and its people. In my opinion, Mr. Beecher should be confirmed as Navajo Nation Attorney General.

Sincerely,

Joe Keene



**Joe Keene**

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Tulsa, OK

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## Legislation 0005-25 Kris Beecher



**Mandy Cisneros**

Yesterday, 1:48 PM

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Dear Navajo Nation Council:

I submit this comment in support of Kris Beecher's appointment as the Navajo Nation Attorney General. I have known Mr. Beecher and his family for several years, before he attended law school. Throughout this time, he has proven himself to be an honest, goal-driven, and intelligent person. He is deeply committed to staying informed on issues affecting the Navajo Nation and the broader Native American community. With his strong academic background and diverse life experience, Mr. Beecher is exceptionally qualified to lead the Attorney General's Office and guide the department toward continued success.

Sincerely,

Mandy Cisneros

Member of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas

Attorney, licensed in Arizona and Oklahoma.

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## Legislation 0005-25



Karen Malinoski

Yesterday, 3:19 PM

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To whom it may concern, I am writing to express my support for my nephew, Kris O. Beecher, Esq. in regard to his proposed appointment to the post of Navajo Nation Attorney General. Kris has been a hard worker all his life and my family and I have always been so proud of his success in obtaining his dual degrees all while working and supporting his family. He is very dedicated to the legal profession, and in our discussions he has always expressed his desire to focus his skills working for the Native American community. Kris has also worked hard to register community members and get out the vote, which is so very important in our times today! I believe Kris would be an excellent Attorney General and would bring the honesty and integrity that the position requires.

Sincerely, Karen Malinoski (North Olmsted, Ohio)

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## Legislation 0005-25



**Brenda Hoskie**

Yesterday, 4:24 PM

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I'm in favor Legislation 0005-25 for Kris Beecher to be our next Navajo Nation Attorney General. With the new administration in Washington DC, we need a Navajo of his caliber to help the Navajo Nation.

Si'ah naaghái Bik'eh Hozho Nahasdlii.

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Brenda Hoskie

Love, Laugh & Live Life to the Fullest!

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## Support for LEGISLATION NO: \_0005-25 by Ginger Sykes Torres



Ginger Torres

Yesterday, 6:13 PM

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Dear Speaker Curley and Honorable Navajo Nation Council Delegates,

I **strongly support** Legislation 00005-25, Confirming the Appointment of Kris O. Beecher, Esq. as the Navajo Nation Attorney General.

Mr. Beecher is a dedicated public servant of the Navajo Nation and he is highly qualified to take on this role. His diverse professional career spanning work on and off the Navajo Nation at the highest levels in the Navajo Nation government and at the prestigious law firm Dickinson Wright will serve as a valuable foundation for his success as Attorney General. I am confident that Mr. Beecher possesses the skills, knowledge, and integrity to represent the Navajo Nation as Attorney General with the utmost professionalism and respect.

Thank you,

Ginger Sykes Torres

Western Navajo Agency

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## NN Council Delegates- oppose Legislation 0005-25



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Beecher cannot be AG!!

NN Council Delegates- oppose Legislation 0005-25  
Dr. Christine Benally

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## LEGISLATION 0005-25



**Benally, Melissa**

Fri 1/24, 7:53 AM

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I do not support this legislation. As a registered Navajo voter, I want an EXPERIENCED person who will fight for all our Diné individuals EQUALLY. No discrimination against women and our two-spirit relatives. I want a person who respects all Diné including women.

Please do not pass this legislation. Find a highly qualified candidate!

Thank you.

MBenally

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## Legislation Number 0005-25 5-day hold for comments



Laura Franklin

Fri 1/24, 12:26 PM

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To whom this may concern,

I do not support this individual as our Navajo Nation Attorney General. He does not have enough experience to hold this position. He needs at least 5 or more years of experience as a lawyer to be in this position. It is commendable to have a Navajo Lawyer but he needs more experience as a lawyer and also experience in Native American Law and NOT as a campaign manager for a Navajo Nation Presidential position.

As reported, Mr. Beecher is also a former member of the NHA Board of Commissioner Board, as a chairman of that board. During his time as a board chairman, he and his board, at the time, acquired lump sums of money payouts, which is an audit finding that it needs to be repaid back and he and others have not done so to this day. When will he and those board members, at that time, be accountable for or answered for about that particular audit finding? Why is that be swept under the rug? If he is to be the Navajo Nation Attorney General, his record should be clear and this does not seem to be a clear record.

Overall, he needs more experience before he can make decisions on behalf of the Navajo Nation.

Thank you for your time.

Concerned Navajo Nation Tribal Member

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## Legislation 0005-25 Beecher Attorney General Nomination



Kee Begay

Fri 1/24, 4:51 PM

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Vote NO

I urge Navajo Nation Council delegates to vote "NO" on the nomination of K. Beecher as Navajo Nation Attorney General.

The Navajo people and the Navajo government need an Attorney General who:

1. Is not biased in favor of President Nygren.

Beecher has repeatedly shown he is fully ready and willing to blindly follow and support Nygren's agenda regardless of consequences and without fully analyzing issues from multiple points of view.

2 Is more experienced in legal matters that the Navajo Nation is facing and is due to face in the future.

Mr. Beecher may have superficial knowledge of issues, knowledge worthy of press releases, but he does not demonstrate the in-depth knowledge or experience needed to protect the Navajo Nation's interests.

3. Is not a polarizing figure in Navajo Nation government and politics.

Mr. Beecher has made public statements that can be considered questionable. Coming from a political position of echoing Nygren's and Pat Sandoval's views and opinions, Mr. Beecher clearly will only exacerbate and keep alive the tensions and lack of trust that has been created in the OPVP.

Under codes of ethics and practices, lawyers are required to provide their clients with a vigorous defense. Seeing as how K.Beecher has become so closely aligned with Nygren and has continually acted as merely a megaphone for Nygren, Beecher cannot be trusted to vigorously represent the Navajo People when issues and concerns conflict with Nygren's opinions and beliefs.

***Kee Begay Junior***

***St. Michaels, AZ 86511***

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## Legislation 0005-25



**Laverne Harrison**

Fri 1/24, 6:56 PM

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I am against Legislation 0005-25. Kris Beecher has no experience to protect the navajo nation.

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## Legislation 0005-25



**Josie Bowman**

Fri 1/24, 8:41 PM

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Legislation 0005-25

K. Beecher

I am AGAINST this Legislation.

Because I have witness the mistreatment towards the Vice President and other female employees within OPVP. He is NOT for the Navajo People.

Josie Bowman

Twin Lakes Chapter

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## Legislation No: 0005-25



Rita Bia

Sat 1/25, 11:59 AM

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I am not in favor of this legislation, Legislation No: 0005-25, no experience in protecting the Great Navajo Nation.

Thank you for your attention,

Rita Bia

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## Legislation 0005-25 Confirming the appointment of Kris O. Beecher as Navajo Nation Attorney General.



Lester Begay

Sat 1/25, 6:10 PM

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Oppose.

If anything is obviously wrong, this is it and It definitely is sending the wrong message across the Navajo Nation and world wide again.

Kris Beecher was on NHA Board as a chairman and according to Navajo Times newspaper that is read by many people around the world. Mr Beecher only talked about himself and how much he should be paid and should be paid before normal pay day and that was the message we heard from Navajo Times newspaper. As we know it, NHA was always corrupt in many forms and when Mr Beecher was the chairman of NHA board, we never saw any improvement but the stipend scandal. We did not know that he was experience lawyer and qualified to be an Attorney General when he served as NHA Board Chairman.

Mr Beecher was part of President Buu Nygren campaign staff and later was appointed as close advisor to President Buu and his job was to harass the Vice President of Navajo Nation that is a woman and she was older than him and she also held higher authority than Mr Beecher but that did not stop him harassing VP Montoya. Remember this is what we the public is reading from Navajo Times and some from Gallup Independent and this is also read around the world.

This Legislation 0005-25 is telling me that Mr Beecher is over at Navajo Nation Justice Department bullying another professional Navajo women that is older than him and more experience in Navajo Nation laws for many years and Beecher has zero experience in Navajo Nation Laws. Kris Beecher all of sudden popped up inside Navajo Nation Justice system as Attorney General then back to Deputy Attorney General now this Legislation is trying take another opportunity away from a Navajo woman that is experience and highly qualified to be next Attorney General.

Navajo Nation Deputy Attorney General Kris Beecher made it clear during State of Navajo Nation address in Tuba City that Buu Administration is not going to following the Navajo Nation law and they chose that as he talked on behalf of Navajo Nation Department of Justice and President Buu Administration. Navajo Times quoted him as this "Location, Tuba City, was chosen to deliver a comprehensive government update apart from the general proceedings in Window Rock".

According to what we hear from the news, Navajo Times, other newspaper and other media, Its very clear to the public Mr Beecher has now respect for professional Navajo women, no respect for the Navajo Nation laws including Navajo fundamental laws of the Navajo people. Mr Beecher has no experience in Navajo Nation laws whatsoever.

Dont make this any worse than what it is in Windowrock vote no and do not make Mr Beecher the next Attorney General of the Navajo Nation.

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## Navajo Nation Attorney General



Lucinda Begay

Sat 1/25, 9:14 PM

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TO: The 25th Council Delegates

My comment to oppose Legislation 0005-25 in making Kris Beecher the next Navajo Nation Attorney General.

I truly believe it is obviously wrong, because it is sending the wrong message across the Navajo Nation and world wide again.

I have read about Kris Beecher being on NHA Board as a chairman and according to Navajo Times newspaper that is read by many people around the world. Mr Beecher only talked about himself and how much he should be paid and should be paid before normal pay day and that was the message we heard from Navajo Times newspaper. As we know it, NHA has been corrupt in many forms and when Mr Beecher was the chairman of NHA board, we never saw any improvement but the stipend scandal. Today, many Navajo people are still without housing. I live in the NHA and there has been no renovations as promised when our homes are paid off in full when we first moved in.

Mr Beecher was part of President Buu Nygren campaign staff and later was appointed as close advisor to President Buu Nygren. Mr Beecher has harassed the Vice President of Navajo Nation who is a woman and older than him, she also holds a higher authority than Mr Beecher but that did not stop him from harassing our Vice President Montoya. Remember this is what we the public is reading from Navajo Times and some from Gallup Independent and these are also read around the social media world.

Currently, Mr Beecher is at Navajo Nation Justice Department bullying another professional Navajo women that is older and more experienced in Navajo Nation laws for many years. Beecher has zero experience in Navajo Nation Laws. Kris Beecher all of sudden emerged inside the Navajo Nation Justice system as Attorney General then back to Deputy Attorney General. This Legislation is taking an opportunity away from a Navajo woman, who is tremendously experienced and highly qualified to be the next Navajo Nation Attorney General.

Navajo Nation Deputy Attorney General Kris Beecher made it clear during State of Navajo Nation address in Tuba City that Buu Administration is not going to follow the Navajo Nation law and they chose to speak on behalf of Navajo Nation Department of Justice and the President Buu Administration. Navajo Times quoted him as this "Location, Tuba City, was chosen to deliver a comprehensive government update apart from the general proceedings in Window Rock". According to what we hear from the news, Navajo Times, other newspaper and other media, it is very clear to the public that Mr Beecher has no respect for professional Navajo women, no respect for the Navajo Nation laws including Navajo fundamental laws of the Navajo people. Mr Beecher has no experience in Navajo Nation laws whatsoever. Mr Beecher is not the one for this job.

The 25th Navajo Nation Council, Vote no and desist from making Mr Beecher the next Attorney General of the Navajo Nation. Instead, find an experienced lawyer who knows the Navajo Nation laws, one that will serve with honesty and integrity, for the Navajo people.

Sincerely,  
Lucinda Begay  
Beclabito, New Mexico


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## Legislation 0005-25



Henrietta Chee

Yesterday, 8:06 AM

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My response:

NOT IN FAVOR OF Legislation 005-25

Reason:

Kris Beecher has no experience working within Navajo Nation pertaining to laws and protecting the boundaries of the Navajo Nation laws.

Never seen him defend the water rights.

Never seen him defend environmental & natural resources.

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January 24, 2025

**SUBMITTED BY:**

Debbie Nez-Manuel, MSW

**TO THE ATTENTION OF:**

Honorable Delegates of the 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council  
Window Rock AZ 86515

**RE: LEGISLATION #0005-25 / NOT IN FAVOR**

Ya'ahteeh 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Honorable Delegates,

Beecher has no experience, none. NONE. Honorable Delegates, please VOTE RED.

In evaluating the role of the Attorney General, I find myself consistently questioning when Mr. Kris Beecher has genuinely stood up for anything of real importance for sovereignty, governance, and the currently challenge the Great Navajo Nation faces with the United States Administration which already has directly our nation's constituents.

The prospect of this appointment would raise concerns for our most Nation's most prominent leaders, such as Chief Manuelito, Annie Dodge Wauneka, and Peterson Zah. These individuals have built their legacies through unwavering integrity, strong character, and a relentless commitment to advocating for our children, veterans, women, and the most vulnerable among our elders. While they likely would support many individuals with a genuine interest in service, their expectations for the Attorney General would require a candidate with substantial experience capable of navigating complex issues beyond the current candidate's background. While there is a desire to support the younger generation, we have factual examples today that how vital extensive experience is for the Great Navajo Nation.

What are Mr. Kris Beecher's qualifications? Our Navajo Nation needs an Attorney General upward of 15-20 of actual courtroom experience who is committed to championing along with our leaders our sovereignty. We need someone who will work collectively with Department of Justice, Department of Interior, and surrounding states of the Navajo Nation to address crucial issues of that impacts constituents regarding uranium disparities, address the crisis of missing women and people, and much more.

After months of working with Beecher, I have observed several key points. Beecher knows how to secure a position with a band. He assisted the Chief of Staff in modifying the fleet and other department budgets and personally benefited from the President's Office by purchasing custom vehicles.

However, Beecher frequently entered a room full of 18 director's month after month, and no one seemed to understand his role or responsibilities. Very few responded to his directives. This raises questions about how such behavior indicates unwavering strength for the Navajo Nation when he lacks respect among his peers.

Recently, Beecher had aspirations of becoming a Film Industry Attorney, he would do well there. Interestingly, on the afternoon of May 29, 2024, Beecher followed President Nygren in the halls of the people's Great Navajo Nation and the Office of the President, while President Nygren boastfully hollered, "Dr. Buu Nygren! Yes, Dr. Buu Nygren!" while elderly people awaited services.

Effective leadership is crucial for our nation, especially when it comes to serving over 415,000 Navajo Nation tribal members. Our leaders must demonstrate proven capabilities and possess the necessary expertise to meet this significant responsibility. Strong leadership lays the foundation for a thriving community, and investing in capable leaders will ensure our collective success.

In closing, continued efforts for a search must be continuing to identify a nominee with proven experience. Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this legislation.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Debbie Nez-Manuel, MSW*

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In light of such a key decision, below are additional questions which formed my assessment regarding the applicant. On the following pages are a number of questions that come to mind knowing there is a diversity of pressing issues. These responsibilities are required for our Attorney General, the Office of the President & Vice President and the Navajo Nation Council. All critical issues for the citizens' lives.

**TIME PERIOD WITH EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION:**

1. How has Beecher persuaded President Buu Nygren to serve as an unwavering beacon of hope and honest representation to represent 415,000 Navajo people, including

veterans, victims, and families affected by Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR), as well as those who have experienced sexual harassment in the workplace?

2. How has Beecher sought to realign the Great Navajo Nation Office of the President or the conduct stemming from the office for the Chief of Staff?
3. How has Beecher publicly addressed the unprofessional treatment of the elected Vice President?
4. How has Beecher effectively prevented the improper spending of the people's funds and resources? What steps has he taken to address mismanagement?
5. How has Beecher ensured that Directors are not coerced or pressured into donating money to President Buu Nygren?
6. Given the misconduct, mismanagement, and lack of leadership for the last two years and two months, how has Beecher emphasized the necessity for resignation?

#### **PRESSING MATTERS IMPACTING NAVAJO NATION BOTH ON AND OFF THE NATION:**

1. What specific initiatives have Beecher proposed or implemented to enhance the protection of elders and children from abuse?
2. How has Beecher solidified his support for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), a crucial legislation that has provided tribal communities with essential tools to address violence faced by Native women and girls, including domestic abuse?
3. How has Beecher played a pivotal role in expanding the provisions of VAWA? How has he expanded the tribal authority to prosecute non-Native offenders?
4. How has Beecher protected Navajo women or Navajo girls within the criminal justice system?
5. How has Beecher's advocacy directly affected the daily lives of Navajo women and girls in the community?
6. How has Beecher championed the fulfillment of treaty obligations in various areas such as education, health, land boundaries, cultural rights, hunting rights, economic development, access to water, and sustainability of Dine '? His advocacy has been crucial in preserving what we know as Dine '.
7. What measurable outcomes or changes have resulted from Beecher's efforts to address corruption in treatment facilities in Maricopa County?
8. How has Beecher fought for issues that affect our veterans, like mental health, housing,
9. How has Beecher fought for our elder nursing centers that house over 300 elders?
10. How has Beecher protected the federal voting rights of Native American communities?
11. How has Beecher been a vocal advocate for clean energy? His fight for sustainable and eco-friendly solutions has been instrumental in promoting a healthier and more environmentally conscious future.
12. How has Beecher fought for small businesses? How has it been steadfast to protect the Navajo Nation from dual taxation?

13. Where has Beecher taught in classrooms teaching about his fight to save or protect something?
14. How has Beecher been directly involved in fighting for the Navajo Nation to upgrade disability access? Even as a Deputy Chief of Staff, how did he work with longtime Disability advocates to address the top three issues presented to the Office of the President? What did he improve?
15. How has Beecher fought for issues of land, border towns, and reducing funeral costs with border towns?
16. What is Beecher's plan for protecting our urban community members from ICE?
17. What is Beecher's plan for protecting the Indian Health Services resources that the U.S. Administration is withdrawing from our communities like Pinion?
18. How will Beecher be standing up for the day-to-day aid for families?
19. What does Beecher understand as the biggest threat regarding the Indian Child Welfare Act?
20. How has Beecher fought for ranchers who lost livestock?
21. How has Beecher insured procurement policies followed?
22. How has Beecher fought for allottees' rights to minerals? Surface and subsurface?

#### **HIS EXPERIENCE:**

1. As an associate attorney, he provided "advice." As an associate, was Beecher have authority to extend advice? Did he advocate for important issues and achieve victories? Did he lead impactful initiatives? Did he manage a team effectively? Did he demonstrate strategic thinking and succeed?
2. As the Chairman of the Navajo Housing Authority, the public has consistently accused him of misappropriating and misusing financial resources in the millions of dollars intended for the community. Has he ever officially or publicly addressed these allegations or provided a statement to prove them unfounded?
3. As an extern at the Arizona Court of Appeals, he attended court proceedings. It's important to note that many individuals attend court proceedings, what actions are champion in the time period of a couple of months?
4. Is this candidate sufficient for consideration? The Attorney General for the Great Navajo Nation deserves a representative who can protect the Great Navajo Nation all costs.

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Kervin Tom

Sun 1/26, 9:07 PM

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Kris Beecher is inexperienced individual. He does not treat the dine people equally. He should NOT be navajo nation attorney general.

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## [EXTERNAL]Comments for Beecher



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I'm not in favor of an individual limited in experience appointed as Navajo Nation Attorney General, especially in proper legal, ethical and political presentations for our Navajo people.

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## NO to Kris Beecher as Navajo Nation's Attorney General



Rosemary Gibson

Yesterday, 3:55 PM  
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Good afternoon:

Me and my family (Udall Gibson, Patricia Yellowhorse, Herman Yellowhorse, KeSean Yazzie, and RaeDawn Gibson) discussed our opposition to Kris Beecher becoming the Navajo Nation's Attorney General. We need an Attorney General who speaks our sacred Navajo language and at least has served in the military.

To begin with, he bashes our matriarchs on social media and name calling them; it is pure evil for someone who wants to make decisions for the good of our people speak words of ill towards women. Where did he come from to be saying negative remarks about our Navajo women? Granted, his mother (a woman) gave him birth and yet, turns around to bash women. He lacks total respect for strong Navajo women.

Our Navajo Nation needs a strong Attorney General who can defend our people, our land, our water and all that makes our Navajo Nation a safe place to live, work and play. Do NOT confirm Kris Beecher as Attorney General. Hopefully, my Council Delegate, Mr. Steven Arviso, votes against Kris Beecher.

Rosemary Gibson  
(In behalf of family members listed above)

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## [EXTERNAL]Opposed to Beecher Confirmation



**Douglas Capitan**

Yesterday, 6:05 PM

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First and foremost I oppose the confirmation of Kris Beecher as attorney general. This position should have in place a person with strong ethical convictions and not afraid to work independently. While AG Brach had at least made it appear she worked independently, Mr. Beecher has made it known that he fawns for his supervisor.

More of these directors need to learn how to say "no" to their boss instead of child emperor. This leads me to also be opposed to the confirmation and removal of Tony Skrelunas as economic director. He remains a member of Navajo Shopping Center Inc. This should immediately be considered an issue of ethics and conduct expected for all personnel of Navajo employees. Mr Skrelunas also had the responsibility to bring the Business Infrastructure Development Fund to operational status. Two years in and no movement toward progress. Mr. Skrelunas has an outstanding balance passed due to the account and has conveniently placed his friend in charge as CFO with the freedom to remove anyone who questions them.

Please oppose and continue to oppose appointments of those who are least qualified, least competent, and least honorable.

Respectfully,

Douglas W. Capitan, M.Ed., MPA

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## AG appointment



Emily Ellison

Yesterday, 6:08 PM

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Experience is important. Beecher is has none. He is aggressive with women and uses political charged rhetoric. Good for being a political appointee. Not fit for NN AG.

NN government needs integrity, a Breecher appointed turns NN Government into banana republic. Vote No

Please investigate CKP insurance and produce the NN Speaker audit from Damon time.

Peacefully

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**THE NAVAJO NATION  
EASTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL**

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January 24, 2025

**The Honorable Delegates of the 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council**  
**The Honorable Buu Nygren, President**  
**The Honorable Richelle Montoya, Vice President**  
THE NAVAJO NATION  
Window Rock, AZ 86515

**RE: OPPOSING LEGISLATION 0005-25 – CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF KRIS O. BEECHER, ESQ. AS THE NAVAJO NATION ATTORNEY GENERAL**

***Ya'at'ééh Shi nant'a'i doo Beesh Baah Dah Si'ani da nohlinni:***

On behalf of the Eastern Navajo Agency Council, we respectfully express our opposition to the proposed appointment of Mr. Kris O. Beecher, Esq. as the next Attorney General of the Navajo Nation. While we acknowledge and respect his service, we believe there are significant gaps in his qualifications and experience that need to be addressed before confirming someone for this crucial position.

Mr. Beecher's legal experience raises concerns, with just five years in practice—less than two of which were as an attorney, we question whether he has the readiness and depth of experience required for such a critical role. The minimum requirement for the Nation's Attorney General is twelve years of professional legal experience. Additionally, his background does not reflect the necessary supervisory experience needed to lead the Department of Justice. This raises concerns about his ability to manage and direct multiple legal teams handling issues like tribal sovereignty, treaty & water rights, internal governance challenges, and the current ICE raids that wrongfully target our tribal members.

The position of Attorney General demands not only a solid legal foundation but also a significant experience in tribal & traditional laws, federal matters, and legal strategy – areas where Mr. Beecher appears to lack practical experience as a practicing attorney, leading to a gap in the necessary depth of expertise.

Furthermore, during his tenure as Board Chairman of the Navajo Housing Authority, Mr. Beecher's oversight led to the forfeiture of over \$26 million in federal housing funds. This significant mismanagement raises serious questions about his ability to manage resources and responsibilities effectively, which are essential qualities for the role of Attorney General.

In light of these concerns, we urge the 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council, President Nygren and Vice President Montoya, to reconsider Mr. Beecher's appointment and seek a candidate with the legal experience and leadership skills necessary to serve the Navajo Nation. The Attorney General serves as the chief legal officer and law enforcement authority of the Nation, and it is critical that this position be filled by someone with the experience and expertise required.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

With Respect,

Johnny Johnson, President  
EASTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL

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## Legislation 0005-25



LaVonne Tsosie

Thu 1/23, 4:37 PM

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*Yaateeh Shi Nataaniis.*

I wanted to express my concerns regarding Legislation 0005-25 which is being sponsored by Delegate Otto Tso and would respectfully request the Council to have a thorough background on the individual being recommended for the Attorney General of our great Nation. This position requires the utmost level of integrity, professionalism, and commitment to the Navajo People.

First, Mr. Beecher has dealt with my community in a most concerning and unprofessional manner for the last two years. His behavior is most unbecoming of an attorney general. He treated us (Nahata Dziil leadership) with great disdain and ignorance. He, along with Nygern and Sandoval, promised to help us with our issues. We made numerous attempts to contact them after the January 30, 2024 meeting at Nahata Dziil. They ignored and manipulated us. They were never forthcoming on how they planned to assist us. They sent Gary Lewis as the Fort Defiance Agency/OPVP representative to meet with us. We went through great lengths to make arrangements and outlined all our issues to Mr. Lewis. We never heard from him and were later informed that Timothy Begay was the new assistant. Mr. Begay came to Nahata Dziil without letting anyone know so no meeting took place. To this date, we have not received any assistance from OPVP. In this, Mr. Beecher had an opportunity to do some good but he failed us.

Secondarily, I am informed that Mr. Beecher may have had some issues where he went through a bankruptcy. There was also information about his time at Navajo Housing Authority and some questionable actions he took there. These should be investigated.

Finally, there are no attachments or information regarding Mr. Beecher's qualifications attached to the legislation (or even in the legislation for that matter). As such, this legislation should be ruled out of order.

We, as the Navajo People, have a right to know who is being recommended for this high-level position within our government. These are my concerns regarding this legislation.

*Ahee'ee.*

***LaVonne Tsosie***  
***Phone:***

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Kris BEECHER



K. C. Holiday

Fri 1/24, 9:24 AM

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STOP with the Boys Club! Beecher is an inexperienced lawyer and for the Navajo Nation.

Karen C Holiday

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## Kris Beecher for Navajo Nation Attorney General



jessica roe

Sat 1/25, 10:25 AM

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Hello,

I just wanted to share a few comments regarding my dear friend Kris Beecher. He's a great candidate for Navajo Nation Attorney General, because he leads by example, is a fantastic listener, and has the most true integrity a person could have. Kris is a wonderful family man; I have known he and his wife for more than 15 years. He will make an amazing impact as Attorney General and always advocates for the good of all people. Wishing him the best on this wonderful journey!

Jessica Smoyer

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## Legislation 0005-25



Thomas J Beecher

Sat 1/25, 11:59 AM

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Hello! My name is Thomas Beecher and my brother Kris Beecher is being nominated for the Navajo Nation Attorney General. I'm sure you will get many letters and emails singing his praise but I would also like to add my recommendation as well. Kris is a great man, our father is a great man and taught us how to be the best humans possible as well as the hardest workers possible. Our dad is a very accomplished military officer who served his country for 27 years. He was also a pilot with Delta Air Lines for almost 30 years. He instilled his values and hard work into us and I see it in Kris as he strives to do everything he can to be of service to others and I know there is no one better suited to represent the fine people of the Navajo Nation than Kris! He has a desire to make this world and the Navajo community a better place for all and you would be hard pressed to find someone better prepared and suited for this prestigious position. I have zero doubt Kris will give this opportunity his all and give it gladly and selflessly. Not for the power, but for our people.

Thomas J Beecher

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## Legislation 0005-25



Breann Slack

Sat 1/25, 2:59 PM

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Navajo Nation Council:

I am writing to offer my highest recommendation for Mr. Beecher as a candidate for the position of Navajo Nation Attorney General. I can say without hesitation that he possesses the qualifications, integrity, and leadership skills essential for this distinguished role. Mr. Beecher has consistently demonstrated exceptional legal acumen, a deep commitment to justice, and an unwavering dedication to the public good. He has a thorough understanding of complex legal principles and a unique ability to apply them in real-world settings. What sets Mr. Beecher apart is his ability to lead with integrity and vision. In every case and every interaction.

I am confident that Mr. Beecher will bring the same level of excellence, passion, and dedication to the role of Attorney General that he has brought professionally. I wholeheartedly support his candidacy and am certain that he will serve the people with distinction and integrity.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Breann Elizabeth Slack, Esq.  
SLACK-MÉNDEZ LAW FIRM

Tempe, Arizona

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## Kris Beecher Attorney General Nomination



**DEL GLASGOW**

Sun 1/26, 8:15 AM

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**Re: Kris Beecher nomination for Attorney General of Dine' Nation**

**To whom it may concern:**

**I would like to say that I do not know of anyone that would do a better job & that is better qualified for the job of Attorney General of the Dine' Nation as Kris Beecher. He is one of the most honest & trustworthy human beings I know. His humanitarianism is amazing, he cares about everyone & wants to see that the Dine' people all have a chance at a life where everyone is subject to the same laws and have the ability to have the life they aspire to.**

**He worked his way through college, while providing for his wife & two beautiful children, who also understand the need to give back to others and support humanitarianism for all living beings. Kris is one of the most kind, caring & honorable people I know... he makes sure that his Dine' culture is a significant part of his life. He integrates these beliefs into his everyday life & fights for this culture & knowledge for the Dine' Nation everyday in his job.**

**His multifaceted life experiences from growing up on the Dine' Nation having very little & thus understands the needs of those who have very little. He knows the needs of the underprivileged & underserved, being a struggling student with a family & making it through to college with law degrees & master's degree in business administration. Then becoming a lawyer at a highly renowned law firm... to his dream job of working for his Dine' people in the Dine' government. His background in Native Law, State & National Law is phenomenal & these experiences along with his passing the bar for the Dine' Nation several other states including the state of Arizona have prepared him for the position of Attorney General.**

**His amazing work with housing, water issues and jobs for the people of the Dine' Nation have prepared him in so many ways for the honor of the job of Attorney General of the Dine' Nation.**

**Finally, his work ethic is impeccable... he is at work making sure his projects get completed and deadlines met to the best of his ability to meet the needs & ensure the protection of the Nation. He is going into this job knowing the demands & ready to take on any challenges to protect the Dine' Nation & its people.**

**Thank you for your attention to my recommendation of Kris Beecher for the position of Attorney General of the Dine' Nation.**

**Del Glasgow  
Tuba City, Arizona**

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Jeff Beecher

Sun 1/26, 4:34 PM

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I would like to highly recommend Kris Beecher for the position of Attorney General. As his father, I have personally witnessed his dedication to excellence in all of his educational and professional pursuits. I am certain that he will be a great asset to the legal team and proudly honor this important position! Jeffrey Beecher

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## Legislation 0005-25



**Matt Strangwayes**

Sun 1/26, 8:47 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the character of Kris Beecher. I have known Mr. Beecher for nearly 30 years. In that time I have collaborated with him on many creative and business ventures and consider him to be a trusted friend. His actions have always met his words, and he brings a positive, level-headed approach to all matters. I would recommend Kris for any position without hesitation.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Matt Strangwayes  
Learning & Engagement Resource Manager, Phoenix Zoo

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## Legislation 0005-25



Kara Beecher

Sun 1/26, 11:22 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my honor to provide this letter of recommendation for my brother Kris Beecher in his candidacy for the position of Attorney General. I have witnessed firsthand his exceptional dedication to justice, unyielding integrity, and unwavering commitment to public service.

I am confident that he possesses the vision, expertise, and moral character necessary to excel as Attorney General.

Kara Beecher

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## Legislation 0005-25



**Di'Orr Greenwood**

Yesterday, 5:28 PM

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Yá'át'ééh Good afternoon,

I hope this message finds you well!

I wanted to take a moment to share my strong recommendation for Kris Beecher in light of their recent work and contributions. Over the last year, Kris Beecher played an instrumental role in successfully negotiating my Artist agreement with Nike SB. This shoe collaboration, demonstrated exceptional negotiation skills but also an unwavering commitment to ensuring a mutually beneficial partnership with the Artist and her respective Diné Chapter. Their attention to detail, strategic thinking, and ability to navigate complex situations were key to making this collaboration a success.

Kris Beecher has consistently shown a high level of professionalism, integrity, and dedication both in the legal field and within their community. Their work ethic and passion for achieving positive outcomes, coupled with their ability to collaborate effectively, make them an asset to any team or initiative.

Please feel free to reach out if you'd like to discuss Kris Beecher 's qualifications and achievements in more detail. I have no doubt they will continue to excel in whatever they do.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this.

Best regards,

Di'Orr Greenwood

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nikesb.com



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## Legislation 0005-25



Christopher Lange

Yesterday, 6:57 PM

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Kris Beecher has been a congenial neighbor and friend for the last fifteen years. I have always found him to be a responsible and dependable person. He is quick to be helpful to others in need. Having Kris as an attorney general would prove to be an unlimited benefit to the Navajo people.

Sincerely Chris Lange

Sent from my iPhone

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## Legislation 0005-25



Devon Suarez

Yesterday, 8:30 PM

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I have known Kris Beecher for approximately 10 years. I was at Arizona State University Law School with him, and he has counseled my company on a legal matter subsequently. During those 10 years, Kris has been the ultimate professional and good friend. In that time, he has held himself to the highest level of professionalism one would expect out of legal counsel. He has dedicated his professional life to helping advance the interests of and advocate for Native people, specifically the Diné people. He would make a worthy Navajo Nation Attorney General.

Yours,  
Devon Suarez, J.D.

Suarez Forestry, LLC.

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Heber, AZ

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**THE NAVAJO NATION  
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW SUMMARY**

**LEGISLATION NO.: 0005-25**

**SPONSOR: Honorable Otto Tso**

**TITLE: An Action Relating to Law and Order and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the Appointment of Kris O. Beecher, Esq. as the Navajo Nation Attorney General**

**Posted: January 22, 2025, at 9:09 AM**

**5 DAY Comment Period Ended: January 27, 2025**

**Digital Comments received:**

<b>Comments Supporting</b>	<b>1. Kathryn Halverson</b>
<b>Comments Opposing</b>	<b>1. Lene Bitsui</b>
<b>Comments/Recommendations</b>	<b>1. Frankie Lee</b>



**Legislative Secretary II  
Office of Legislative Services**

**February 3, 2025; 8:30 AM**

**Date/Time**

Kathryn Halverson

January 30, 2025

The Honorable President Buu Nygren  
Office of the President  
Navajo Nation Government  
P.O. Box 7440  
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Dear President Nygren and Members of the Navajo Nation Council,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for Kris Beecher's nomination to serve as the next Attorney General of the Navajo Nation. With a distinguished legal career and unwavering commitment to the well-being of the Navajo people, Kris Beecher is uniquely qualified to hold this critical position.

Throughout his career, Kris has demonstrated a deep understanding of Navajo law, tribal sovereignty, and the importance of serving his community with integrity and dedication. His experience in both public and private sectors, combined with his leadership qualities, makes him well-equipped to navigate the complexities of legal matters affecting the Navajo Nation. He has consistently shown a passion for advocating for justice, fairness, and accountability, all of which are essential for the role of Attorney General.

What sets Kris apart is not only his legal expertise but also his genuine commitment to the future of the Navajo Nation. He recognizes the significance of preserving and protecting our cultural heritage, our people, and our rights. I am confident that Kris will bring thoughtful, strategic leadership to the Office of the Attorney General and work tirelessly to uphold the law while safeguarding the best interests of our Nation.

I have no doubt that Kris Beecher will serve the Navajo Nation with the same level of dedication and respect that he has exhibited throughout his career. His strong work ethic, collaborative spirit, and unwavering sense of duty make him an ideal candidate to be the next Attorney General.

Thank you for considering this letter of support. I strongly urge you to approve Kris Beecher's nomination and trust that his leadership will continue to guide the Navajo Nation toward a brighter and more just future.

Sincerely,  
Kathryn Halverson  
Lummi Nation HHS CEO

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## Legislation 0005-25 - Oppose Beecher as NNAG



Lene Bitsui

Wed 1/29, 4:59 PM

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Yá'át'ééh,

My name is Carolene Bitsui, I am a Dine' citizen and a registered voter for Kayenta Chapter.

I oppose Legislation 0005-25 sponsored by Delegate Otto Tso.

Kris Beecher is not fit nor qualified to be the Navajo Nation's attorney general. He has launched negative attacks on Dine' Saanies, how can we entrust Kris Beecher to safeguard ALL Dine' when he has clearly shown his contempt of Navajo Women like Navajo Nation Vice-President Richelle Montoya, Navajo Nation Delegate Eugenia Charles Newton, Former Division Director Debbie Nez-Manual and myself Lene Bitsui. Kris Beecher has made it clear his loyalty is to Navajo Nation President Buu Van Nygren & Buu Van Nygren ONLY. Period.

Kris Beecher has one item on his Agenda and it's Buu and no one else. He will NOT serve at the pleasure of the 25th Navajo Nation Council.

He should NOT be confirmed and his history on slandering Dine' Asdzaan's does not reflect the Values of being Dine'. I will not feel safe if he is confirmed as NNAG.

Thank you,

Carolene Bitsui

Kayenta Voter

Dine' Citizen

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## Legislation 0005-25



**Frankie Lee**  
Sat 2/1, 2:26 PM  
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To Whom it may concern;

I, Frankie Lee (Navajo), proudly state that Kris Beecher is a Navajo man with the highest integrity, keen and top notch legal abilities, always practices with the highest professional standards, and works with utmost zeal and pride for the Navajo community. I am very proud to count him among my professional friends and especially as a fellow Navajo relation.

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LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE  
25<sup>TH</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

THIRD YEAR 2025

COMMITTEE REPORT

Madame Speaker,

The LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE to whom has been assigned:

Legislation No. 0005-25: An Action Relating to Law and Order and Naabik'iyati Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the Appointment of Kris O. Beecher, Esq. as the Navajo Nation Attorney General – Sponsor: Honorable Otto Tso

Has had it under consideration and reports a DO PASS with no amendments.

And thereafter referred to Naabik'iyati' Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Eugenia Charles-Newton, Chairwoman  
Law and Order Committee  
25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

Date: February 03, 2025

Main Motion:

Motion : Honorable Arbin Mitchell

Secon : Honorable Nathan Notah

Vote : 2-1-2

LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE  
25<sup>TH</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

Special Meeting  
February 03, 2025

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VOTE TALLY SHEET:

Motion: Honorable Arbin Mitchell

Second: Honorable Nathan Notah

Vote: 2-1-2

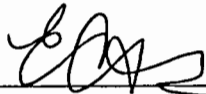
Yea: Honorable Nathan Notah/Honorable Arbin Mitchell

Nay: Honorable Steven Arviso

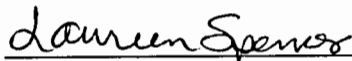
Not Voting: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton, Chairwoman

Excused: Honorable Herman M. Daniels, Jr.

Absent: None



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Eugenia Charles-Newton, Chairwoman  
Law and Order Committee  
25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council



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Laureen Spencer, Legislative Advisor  
Office of Legislative Services