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Dear Management Team Dance of the Deer Foundation,

It has come to our attention that you are planning a shamanism retreat in Juneau, the ancient homeland of the Auk people of Aak'w Kwáan, and that you are charging a substantial fee for this experience.

This is another form of appropriation from Native cultures and societies that began with the taking of our lands and our ceremonial and sacred objects, and now our spiritual practices. Shamans played an important role in our societies in caring for the welfare of the tribe. Shamanism was not a commercial enterprise. This is a violation of a most sacred tradition of Native peoples. We support the people who have called your practices an exploitation of their people's ancient traditions and we request that you not come into Aak'w Kwáan.

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