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We are the global movement  
for tribal peoples' rights. We help  
them defend their lives, protect  
their lands and determine their

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Dear Mr Burdett,

I am very disappointed that the Atlas Gallery is showing these pictures by Jimmy Nelson.

He is making money by saying that tribal peoples are "passing away". We are not passing away. Our disappearance is not inevitable. We are struggling to survive in the face of criminal, illegal actions by governments and companies who take our land and resources.

Why does Jimmy Nelson not say this? By saying we are "passing away", he makes it seem like we will just disappear.

We are not objects to be posed into beautiful pictures for his profit. We are real people, living cultures, and our survival is inevitable – if enough people support us, and if the governments and companies who abuse our rights would abide by the law, not break it.

Instead people looking at Jimmy Nelson's pictures will think we will soon all be gone. People have been saying that for five hundred years – and we are still here.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Nixiwaka Yawanawá', written in a cursive style.

**Nixiwaka Yawanawá**

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