

## Letters

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the people of the *Smoke Signals* for all the help that they have given me.

Thank you to the Clinic and Dr. Pratt for helping with my husband — the most important thing in my life. Especially to Michael Watkins and his crew for helping me get hearing aids for my husband and getting it set so I can make payments.

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To Tom O'Brien and the officers, I want to thank them. And to everyone who has helped us, special thanks and my prayers go out to them.

With all of our love,  
**Ed & Marcia Bolton**

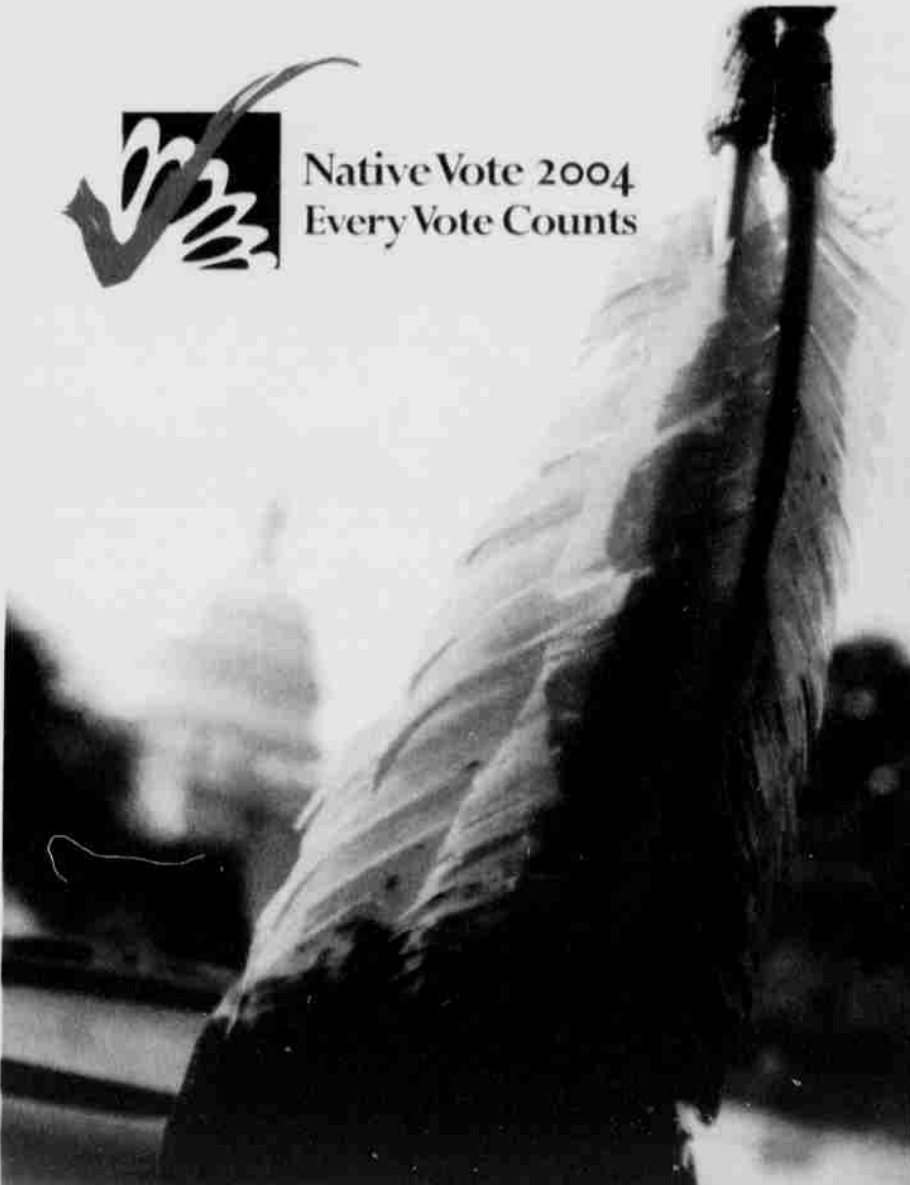


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