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DISCOVER HOW O.I.L. REP. JENNIFER GOMEZ IS MAKING AN IMPACT IN THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY

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The exhilaration of having a bill passed as a 0 star delegate is a feeling that is simply unmatched. Representative Gomez is a 0 star House Representative at O.I.L., who experienced the joy of having her “MMIP” Bill passed in the House this past Thursday, November 17th.

Her bill, the “MMIP Alert,” which focuses on releasing a state-wide alert when an indigenous person is taken against their will and is considered to be in danger, is directly connected to her passion to bring aid and awareness to the Native American Community. In a one-on-one interview with the House Representative today, she indicated that she has worked closely with the MMIW (Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women) to bring awareness to the ongoing issues that indigenous women tend to grapple with. Representative Gomez noted that 40% of missing Indigenous women tend to end up in trafficking and that the Indigenous Community at large is in need of much healing. She further stated that native women are exposed to twice as much violence than any other race.

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Born in Dallas, Texas, Representative Gomez is currently majoring in Political Science with a Native Studies minor at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, Oklahoma. She also serves as a Minister and devotes time to praying and initiating healing for the Native Community.

Apart from her work as an activist, minister and budding legislator, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, coming together to encourage each other and enjoy the best of life. When asked about her experience at O.I.L., she described it as “amazing,” stating that it has given her a better perception of how the government operates and how she can make a difference.

It is no doubt that Representative Gomez will make an indelible impact in the world of politics and in the community of indigenous people.