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Dear Tribal Leader and tribal housing leader,

On behalf of the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC), I am writing to thank you for your strong support for Native communities and for your concerted efforts to improve the housing conditions in Indian communities, Alaska Native Villages, and on native Hawaiian Home Lands. I am writing this letter to ask for your continued support regarding tribal consultation.

President Obama signed a Memorandum on Tribal Consultation during the White House Tribal Nations Conference on November 5, 2009. This memorandum directed federal agencies to develop plans to implement Executive Order 13175, "Consultation and Coordination with Tribal Governments." The President ordered that these plans be developed after consulting with Indian tribes. To this end, the Department of Housing and Urban Development's ("HUD") Office of Native American Programs is hosting several consultation sessions over the next several days to discuss HUD's tribal consultation policy.

I strongly encourage tribally elected officials and tribal housing professionals to attend these sessions and to work in coordination to ensure HUD officials receive the necessary input to improve the tribal consultation process. The White House has created a list of all federal agency contacts on tribal consultation. We have attached this list that includes phone numbers and email addresses.

Thank you again for your support for housing and economic development in Native communities across the country. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The ONAP Consultation Session schedules are attached for your convenience.

Sincerely,

Marty Shuravloff
Chairman