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## National American Indian Housing Council

NAIHC, a not-for-profit organization, assists tribes and tribal housing entities in reaching their self-determined goals of providing culturally relevant, decent, safe, sanitary and quality affordable housing for Native people in Indian communities and Alaska Native Villages.

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## DC IS ABUZZ FOR VISITS FROM INDIAN COUNTRY Setting up Congressional Meetings Tips

1. Call your Member of Congress or the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 to connect to your Member of Congress's office. Check [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) or [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) for more information on the Member.
2. Ask to speak to the Scheduler to set up a meeting with the Member or a staff person who is assigned Indian and/or Housing issues.
3. Give the Scheduler the date, what you would like to talk about and who will be attending the meeting. Inform the Scheduler you will fax a request for the meeting with any pertinent information they required. You may want to ask if they would like it emailed as well.

### SAMPLE MEETING REQUEST LETTER

[Date]

By Facsimile

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
United States House of Representatives/United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20515/20510  
ATTN: Scheduler's Name, fax

Dear Congressman\_\_\_\_\_/Senator \_\_\_\_\_:

As a representative[s] of the \_\_\_ Tribe/Tribal Housing Authority, I am writing to request a meeting with you and your staff on the subject of \_\_\_\_\_.

In 2007, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act is up for reauthorization. I/We would like to discuss reauthorization of NAHASDA and amendments to the law we would like to see.

I/We will be available to meet with you anytime on February 15, 2007, and would like to bring with me my colleagues, name [list colleagues, if applicable], also from [your state/district]].

I can be reached at the phone number[s] below, and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Respectfully yours,  
Name, Title  
Address  
Telephone

**NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND SELF  
DETERMINATION ACT  
KEY COMMITTEES IN CONGRESS FOR 2007**

House Sub-Committee on Housing and Community Opportunity

Web: <http://financialservices.house.gov>

Chair: Maxine Waters (D-CA-5th) - (202) 225-2201

Web: <http://www.house.gov/waters/>

E-mail: [waters.scheduler@mail.house.gov](mailto:waters.scheduler@mail.house.gov)

Ranking Member: Judy Biggert (R-IL-13th) - (202) 225-3515

Web: <http://www.judybiggert.house.gov>

House Financial Services

Web: <http://financialservices.house.gov/>

Chair: Barney Frank (D-CT-) - (202) 225-5931

Web: <http://www.house.gov/frank/>

Fax All Meeting Requests to Ms. Maria Giesta at 202-225-0182

Ranking Member: Spencer Bachus (R-AL-6th) (202) 225-4921

Web: <http://bachus.house.gov/HoR/AL06/Home.htm>

House Resources Committee

Web: <http://resources.house.gov>

Chair: Nick J. Rahall II (D-WV-3rd) - (202) 225-3452

Web: <http://www.rahall.house.gov/>

Ranking Member: Don Young (R-AK) - (202) 225-5765

Web: <http://donyoung.house.gov/contact.htm>

House Native American Caucus

Co-Chair: Dale Kildee (D-MI-5th) (202) 225-3611

Web: <http://www.house.gov/kildee/>

Co-Chair: Rick Renzi (R-AZ-1st) (202) 225-2315

E-mail: [rick.renzi@mail.house.gov](mailto:rick.renzi@mail.house.gov)

Senate Committee on Banking and Urban Affairs

Web: <http://banking.senate.gov>

Chair: Christopher J. Dodd (D-CT) - (202) 224-2823

Web: <http://dodd.senate.gov/index.php>

Fax all Meeting requests: (202) 224-1083

Ranking Member: Richard C. Shelby (R-AL) - (202) 224-5744

Web: <http://shelby.senate.gov/public/>

Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (202) 224-2251 Web: <http://indian.senate.gov>

Chair: Byron Dorgan (D-ND) - (202) 224-2551

Web: <http://dorgan.senate.gov/>

Ranking Member: Craig Thomas (R-WY) - (202) 224-6441

Web: <http://thomas.senate.gov/index.cfm?FuseAction=Home.Home>

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