



Dear Tribal Leader,

On February 9, 2010, First Lady Michelle Obama unveiled her *Let's Move!* initiative to combat child obesity. Childhood obesity in America is a national health crisis. As President Barack Obama's Childhood Obesity Task Force has noted, American Indian/Alaska Native children are particularly susceptible to childhood obesity and related diseases, such as type 2 diabetes. A study of four year-olds found that obesity is more than two times more common among American Indian/Alaska Native children (31%) than among white (16%) or Asian (13%) children. This rate is higher than any other racial or ethnic group studied.

For this reason, the U.S. Departments of Interior, Agriculture, Health and Human Services, and Education have come together with the White House Domestic Policy Council to develop a joint approach to address this disparity through the Let's Move! in Indian Country initiative. As we develop this initiative we want to ensure that we are collaborating with Tribal Leaders and governments throughout the process. Attached is a short briefing document that provides an overview of the *Let's Move! in Indian Country* and establishes federal policy goals in four key areas. We would greatly appreciate your review, edits, additions, and recommendations to the attached briefing documents, which will serve as the driving force for this initiative.

We would like to provide multiple opportunities and venues for Tribal input and collaboration listed below.

Written Response: Please review the attached draft briefing document submit any edits, questions, comments, or concerns via email to Letsmoveinindiancountry@doi.gov no later than Friday, March 4th. Please be sure to include your NAME, TRIBE, POSITION, EMAIL, and PHONE NUMBER.

Conference Call: A Tribal Collaboration conference call on the *Let's Move! in Indian Country* (LMIC) initiative will be held Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 1:00pm EST. Please review the attached draft briefing document prior to the meeting and be prepared to provide guidance and recommendations to help develop this initiative.

Dial-in Number: 800-369-3384
Participant Code: 8621707#

In-Person Meeting: A Tribal Collaboration meeting on the *Let's Move! in Indian Country* (LMIC) initiative will be held in conjunction with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), 2011 Executive Council Winter Session in Washington, DC. The LMIC meeting is being held on

Wednesday, March 2, 2011, 1 PM-3 PM(EST) at the **Westin Washington Hotel, Ashlawn North Room, 1400 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C.** Please review the attached draft briefing document prior to the meeting and be prepared to provide guidance and recommendations to help develop this initiative. To participate, please e-mail Ms. Brandi Sweet by email (brandi.sweet@bie.edu, providing your NAME, TRIBE, POSITION, EMAIL, PHONE NUMBER.

We hope you will provide us with input either in writing via e-mail, via phone, or in person at the NCAI 2011 Executive Council Winter Session.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this important issue for our community!

Sincerely,

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Robin Schepper, Executive Director <i>Let's Move!</i> Initiative	Date
<hr/> <i>/Larry Echo Hawk/</i> <hr/>	2.2.11
Larry Echo Hawk, Assistant Secretary- Indian Affairs U.S. Department of the Interior	Date
<hr/> <i>/Yvette Roubideaux/</i> <hr/>	1.31.11
Yvette Roubideaux, Director, Indian Health Service U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	Date
<hr/> <i>/Kevin Concannon/</i> <hr/>	2.2.11
Kevin Concannon, Under Secretary U.S. Department of Department of Agriculture	Date
<hr/> <i>/Thelma Melendez/</i> <hr/>	1.31.11
Thelma Melendez, Assistant Secretary, Elementary and Secondary Education U.S. Department of Education	Date

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