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Dear Tribal Leader:

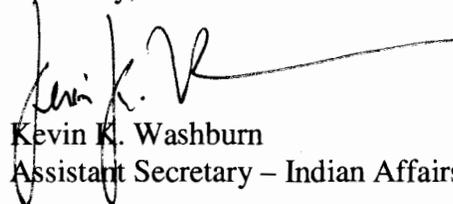
The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH), in coordination with the Department of the Interior and several other member agencies, is committed to preventing and ending homelessness among Native Americans. To help guide this ongoing work, we invite you to provide input at a listening session regarding homelessness among Native Americans. The session will be held on **Monday, June 29, 2015, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the National Congress of American Indians' Mid Year Conference, in Meeting Room 13 at the St. Paul RiverCentre in St. Paul, Minnesota.**

Representatives from the Department of the Interior, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the United States Department of Agriculture, and the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness will be attending. We are particularly interested in receiving tribal input on the following:

- What does homelessness look like in your community? What are the specific needs and circumstances of Native Americans who experience homelessness?
- What strategies are working to prevent homelessness or to help people who become homeless? How do these practices work? What makes them successful?
- What are the most important challenges or barriers to addressing Native American homelessness? What actions could be taken at the tribal, state, or Federal-level to address these challenges and barriers?

Thank you for your leadership. We look forward to continuing to work with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,



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