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Dear Tribal Leader:

This letter is a follow up to the Dear Tribal Leader Letter dated May 24, 2022, inviting you to consult on the funding methodology for the Small Tribe Supplement program (previously known as the Small and Needy program).

During the consultations held on June 21 and 22. Tribal Leaders requested that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) provide an explanation of the current funding methodology for the Small Tribe Supplement distributions for Fiscal Year 2021 and Fiscal Year 2022, any modifications that have been made from the methodology used previously, and data regarding the amount of Small Tribe Supplement funding allocated to each eligible Tribe for Fiscal Years 2020, 2021, and 2022.

We are committed to ensuring transparency regarding the Small Tribe Supplement program, and BIA continues to work on preparing the requested information for release to Tribes. Therefore, we are extending the written comment deadline for this consultation from August 1, 2022, to August 15, 2022. You may submit written comments to consultation@bia.gov by 11:59 pm ET on August 15, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Rose Petoskey, Senior Counselor to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, at (202) 208-7163 or by email at rose.petoskey@bia.gov. I look forward to receiving your written comments.

Sincerely,

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