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The Honorable Doug Burgum
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20240
via email: execsec_correspondence@ios.doi.gov

RE: Request for Tribal Consultation Report and Continued Dialogue

Dear Secretary Burgum:

On behalf of the undersigned Tribal organization members of the Coalition for Tribal Sovereignty (CTS),¹ we write to acknowledge and thank the Department of the Interior (DOI) for its ongoing efforts to engage in Tribal consultation on various initiatives that could impact Indian Country. This includes consultation on the implementation of Executive Order 14210 and its proposed emergency permitting procedures under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

We appreciate the opportunities to engage on these issues in prior Tribal consultation sessions and view those sessions as a valuable first step in what we see as an ongoing dialogue about any potential reorganization of DOI or creation of expedited permitting procedures. The extensive scope of that Tribal consultation, the limited information about actual proposals DOI was considering, and the importance of these issues to Indian Country warrant additional collaboration and engagement and Tribal leaders stand ready and eager to discuss the issues further.

In the interim, we request DOI comply with its own Tribal consultation procedures and release a Tribal consultation report. This report should summarize DOI's understanding of the points Tribal leaders raised during the various consultation sessions, and explain DOI's assessment of how such comments will impact its decisions.

Robust and healthy government-to-government relationships between Tribal Nations and the United States are of paramount importance to protecting the rights and interests of our citizens and communities. Tribal consultation also results in better and less costly decisions for all parties. We are eager to continue engaging in meaningful dialogue with DOI and other federal agencies anytime our sovereign rights or the United States' delivery on its trust and treaty obligations may be impacted. We urge DOI to continue dialogue begun in past Tribal consultations, including through the public release of its report on those sessions.

Sincerely,

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI)
Alaska Native Women's Resource Center (AKNWRC)

¹ CTS consists of more than 35 Tribal organization members. A CTS briefing paper on the formation and messaging of CTS can be found [here](#), and more information about CTS can be found on our website [here](#).



Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Association (GPTCA)
Great Plains Tribal Leaders' Health Board (GPTLHB)
Indian Gaming Association (IGA)
National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO)
National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)
National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA)
National Indian Education Association (NIEA)
National Indian Health Board (NIHB)
National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC)
Native American Rights Fund (NARF)
Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council (RMTLC)
Seattle Indian Health Board (SIHB)
United South & Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund (USET SPF)

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