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Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to request your views and comments on the enclosed Fiscal Year 2015 Report to Congress on Administration of the Indian Health Service (IHS) Tribal Self-Governance Program.

The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) at 25 U.S.C. § 458aaa-13, requires that, prior to submitting the report to Congress, the IHS must seek your comments and views on the methods used to determine individual Tribal shares for inclusion in Self-Governance compacts or funding agreements and the report contents.

Please provide your views and comments for inclusion in the report by September 30, 2016. Comments may be submitted by e-mail, postal mail, or facsimile using the instructions provided below.

The IHS is committed to meaningful consultation with Tribes and Tribal organizations as we report to Congress the level of need presently funded in the Tribal Self-Governance Program. I look forward to your views and comments. If you have any questions related to this report, please contact Mr. P. Benjamin Smith, Director, Office of Tribal Self-Governance, by telephone at (301) 443-7821 or by e-mail at benjamin.smith@ihs.gov.

Sincerely,

/Mary Smith/

Mary Smith
Principal Deputy Director

Tribal Leaders, please send input by e-mail to:	sgreport@ihs.gov Subject line: Tribal Self-Governance Report – Fiscal Year 2015
Send input by facsimile:	301-443-4794
Send input by postal mail to:	Mary Smith Principal Deputy Director Indian Health Service Mail Stop: 08E86 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD 20857 ATTN: Tribal Self-Governance Report – Fiscal Year 2015

Enclosure