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Dear Tribal and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to initiate a Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer on the Indian Health Service (IHS) Strategic Plan. The IHS is beginning a process for the development of a 5-year IHS Strategic Plan (2018-2022). This will coincide with the development of a Department of Health and Human Services Strategic Plan for 2018-2022.

I have enclosed an initial draft framework of the IHS Strategic Plan. This includes the Mission, Vision, Goals, and Objectives that will form the structure for development of implementation strategies and ways to measure success.

Through October 31, 2017, I am seeking your comments and recommendations on this initial framework:

***Do the IHS Mission, Vision, Goals, and Objectives reflect the direction and priorities you feel IHS should pursue over the next 5 years?***

In conjunction with the Consultation and Confer, the IHS will seek your input on the draft goals and objectives via in-person sessions and conference calls. These meetings will be posted on the IHS Calendar Web site at <http://www.ihs.gov/ihscalendar>.

Additional information will be provided next week about the process for providing comments and on the formation of a short-term IHS Strategic Planning Workgroup and their role in the Strategic Planning process.

Thank you for your support and partnership. I look forward to your views and comments.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

*IHS Strategic Plan 2018-2022 Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer Timeline and Draft Framework for IHS Mission, Vision, Goals, and Objectives*