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Dear Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to request your input on the Indian Health Service (IHS) COVID-19 Pandemic Vaccine Draft Plan.

In September, the United States (U.S.) Department of Health and Human Services initiated Tribal Consultation to seek input from Tribal Leaders on COVID-19 Vaccine planning for Indian Country. The IHS also initiated Urban Confer on this topic. Today, I am writing to open a comment period through Wednesday, October 21, to request your input on the IHS COVID-19 Pandemic Vaccine Draft Plan.

We developed and will continue to tailor the IHS COVID-19 Pandemic Vaccine Draft Plan based on available information and your input. Specifically, we will continue to assess, respond, and adapt federal guidance as new information becomes available regarding vaccine developments, vaccine storage requirements, risk groups, and recommendations prioritized by researchers and guidance bodies. The IHS will use feedback from Urban Indian Leaders to update the IHS COVID-19 Pandemic Vaccine Draft Plan accordingly.

Please submit written comments on the IHS COVID-19 Pandemic Vaccine Draft Plan to urbanconfer@ihs.gov - SUBJECT LINE: IHS COVID-19 Pandemic Vaccine Draft Plan. To view the Draft Plan, please visit the IHS Web site at <https://www.ihs.gov/coronavirus/vaccine/>.

The deadline for written comments on this Urban Confer is Wednesday, October 21, 2020.

We value your partnership and thank you for your input on the IHS COVID-19 Pandemic Vaccine Draft Plan to ensure the delivery of a COVID-19 vaccine to Indian Country.

Sincerely,

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