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Dear Urban Indian Organization Leader:

On November 22, 2021, the Indian Health Service (IHS) initiated Urban Confer to seek your input regarding the allocation of \$210 million in additional funding allocated to the IHS from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2, 135 (March 11, 2021) and \$2.35 billion currently under consideration by Congress in the Build Back Better Act, H.R. 5376, 117th Cong. (2021).

On December 15, 2021, the IHS held a virtual Urban Confer with Urban Indian Organization Leaders to provide an overview of these funding sources. The recommendations, comments, and questions you raised were extremely important in helping us understand the health care needs in urban Indian communities. To ensure you have the opportunity to provide written comments on this critical event, we are extending the comment period from December 23, 2021, to January 21, 2022.

I encourage you to submit written comments to [urbanconfer@ihs.gov](mailto:urbanconfer@ihs.gov). Please use the following subject line: American Rescue Plan Act and Build Back Better Act. The deadline to provide written comments is Friday, January 21, 2022.

I look forward to your feedback and recommendations.

Sincerely,

/Elizabeth A. Fowler/  
Acting Deputy Director