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RE: Request for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 105(I) Leasing Expenditures and Estimates

Dear RADM Weahkee:

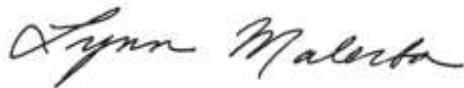
Thank you for attending the most recent Indian Health Service (IHS) Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC) Meeting on October 3rd and 4th. I appreciate your active engagement and willingness to provide information to the Committee and Technical Workgroup members. Your partnership and transparency will ensure that Self-Governance Tribes can continue support the Agency's efforts to improve the health and well being of American Indians and Alaskan Natives.

On behalf of the TSGAC, I am writing regarding an issue that is particularly urgent. TSGAC respectfully requests that IHS provides a full accounting of the reprogrammed and appropriated funds utilized to fulfill all of the FY2018 requests for 105(I) leases. This accounting should include the IHS Services line items that have been impacted, the impact of reprogramming changes by IHS Area, the number of leases requested, and the IHS Areas who submitted leases for IHS approval before the end of November. We remain concerned that Tribal consultation was not adhered to during the FY2018 funding cycle would like to work with you regarding how to better address this moving forward. Information regarding these expenditures is needed as soon as possible so that Tribal leadership can better understand the changes and advocate for more supportive Appropriations outcomes.

Additionally, Committee members request that the Office of Finance and Accounting provide an estimate for funds needed to support 105(I) leases in FY2019, FY2020, and FY2021 ahead of the Area FY 2021 Budget Formulation meetings. This information is critical as not all Tribes may understand the changes and the potential future impact additional reprogramming actions could have on IHS, Tribal, and Urban facilities.

We appreciate your continued support of TSGAC and look forward to a timely response to this request. If you have any questions, you can reach me at (860) 862-6192; or via email: lmalerba@moheganmail.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Chief Lynn Malerba, Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut
Chairwoman, IHS TSGAC

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