

## DOI SELF-GOVERNANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**RE: Follow-up from the Self-Governance Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting, July 18, 2018, Washington, DC**

Dear Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Tahsuda:

On behalf of the Self Governance Advisory Committee (SGAC), I write this letter to summarize and expand upon our discussion at the SGAC Quarterly Meeting on July 18, 2018. As you know, the SGAC serves a vital role in effectuating the policy recommendations to implement the Tribal Self-Governance recommendations and authorities within the Department of the Interior (DOI) under Title IV of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) P.L. 93-638 as amended. We view our Tribal/Federal partnership as integral to the DOI's mission of fulfilling the trust responsibility to Tribal nations and the representatives who serve on the SGAC are committed to working closely with you to strengthen this government-to-government relationship and achieve our goal of Tribal self-sufficiency.

Our government-to-government framework requires frequent and active engagement with the Administration to develop consensus-driven successful strategies that advance the Tribal Self-Governance agenda. Our meetings serve as a forum for collaboration and transparency amongst partners to generate clarity of purpose through open communication, the exchange of ideas and expertise, and the development of effective and efficient regulatory policies and practices. We are committed to working together to empower Tribal governments with the tools and resources that support strong and effective governmental practices. As advocates for our communities and regions, it is incumbent upon us to review, monitor and assess programs and services to ensure that they are effectuating meaningful impact and improving the health and welfare of our communities and citizens.

A summary of the issues and action items discussed during the July Quarterly Meeting is attached for your review and consideration. The purpose of these

proposed courses of action is to identify and resolve any impediments to our shared mission. We look forward to further discussion with you as we work towards achieving comprehensive resolutions. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (206) 369-6699 or via email at [rallen@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:rallen@jamestowntribe.org).

Sincerely,



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