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Elizabeth Fowler. Acting Director
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RE: TSGAC Nomination to the IHS Tribal Consultation Policy Workgroup

Dear Acting Director Fowler:

On behalf of the Indian Health Service (IHS) Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC), this letter is in response to the IHS Dear Tribal Leader Letter dated April 27, 2021, seeking nominations for Tribal members to serve on the IHS Director's Advisory Workgroup on Tribal Consultation (Consultation Workgroup). The TSGAC is greatly appreciative of the agency moving forward to establish this Advisory Workgroup to assist IHS in conducting a comprehensive review of the 2006-issued Consultation Policy and developing recommendations for consideration moving forward.

The TSGAC is pleased to nominate and formally submit **Chief Lynn Malerba to serve as the TSAGC representative on this Consultation Workgroup**. Chief Malerba participated in last week's Virtual Tribal Consultation Session hosted by IHS on June 8th. During that session, several Tribal leaders noted the need for a comprehensive approach in addressing the updates to the IHS Consultation policy. Due to the various Tribal consultation policies throughout the Federal agencies, it was suggested that including commonalities across all policies would assist in the review and update to the IHS Consultation policy and process. In addition, TSGAC recommends increased transparency in how Tribal comments affect final decisions. It is our hope that you will consider these guiding principles during the Consultation Workgroup's deliberations.

We look forward to the recommendations to be developed by the Consultation Workgroup. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me directly regarding any questions you may have 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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