Senators Smith and Cantwell Call on Appropriations Interior Subcommittee Leaders to Support $200.5 Million in Appropriations for UIOs

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On August 10, Senator Smith and Senator Cantwell sent a letter to Senator Merkley and Senator Murkowski, leaders of the Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, requesting their support for the $200.5 million for urban Indian health in the FY 2022 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. The letter emphasized the historic underfunding and lack of facilities funding for UIOs, as well as health disparities in AI/AN communities that have been worsened by COVID-19. Senators Smith and Cantwell called the increase in funding a part of fulfilling of the government's trust responsibility to urban Indians.

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