

[Bipartisan Group of 52 Congressional Leaders Request Full Funding for Indian Health Service and Increased Resources for Urban Indian Health](#)

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On May 1, 2024, 50 Congressional leaders joined Representatives Gallego and Grijalva in their [letter](#) to Chairman Simpson and Ranking Member Pingree of the House Interior Appropriations Committee requesting up to \$53.85 billion for the Indian Health Service and \$965.3 million for Urban Indian Health in FY25 and maintaining advance appropriations for IHS until authorizers move IHS to mandatory funding. The letter emphasizes that the federal government has a trust responsibility to provide federal health services to maintain and improve the health of American Indian and Alaska Natives.

The bipartisan group of 52 Congressional leaders reiterated their support for the Appropriations Committee's work on the historic inclusion of advance appropriations in the FY23 and FY24 omnibus. Previously, IHS was the only federal health care provider funded through annual appropriations. Without advance appropriations, IHS is subject to the negative impacts of government shutdowns and continuing resolutions that can lead to serious disruptions in UIO's ability to provide critical patient services. The inclusion of advance appropriations is a crucial step toward ensuring long-term stable funding for IHS.

This letter sends a powerful message to Chairman Simpson and Ranking Member Pingree, and members of Congress that in order to fulfill the federal government's trust responsibility to all Natives to provide safe and quality healthcare, funding for the Indian Health Service must be significantly increased.

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