Contact Congress to Protect Funding for Tribal Programs TODAY

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Dear Friends,

NCUIH worked with the Coalition for Tribal Sovereignty to support the Congressional Native American Caucus in leading a letter to support and protect funding for Tribal Programs and Urban Indian Organizations in the FY26 budget. The letter highlights that funding flowing to Indian Country is a furtherance of trust and treaty obligations and therefore must be safeguarded from harmful cuts and changes.

It is crucial to notify Congress of your support for Tribal Programs and Urban Indian Organizations and request that they sign on to the Native American Caucus letter.

For your convenience, we have provided the text below as a template to call and/or email your Representative. If you can, we recommend you call and email your Representative. You can find your Representative here.

Your outreach on this is invaluable to providing greater access to health care for American Indian and Alaska Native people.

Sincerely,

The National Council of Urban Indian Health

Ways to Advocate

- Contact Congress
- Post on Facebook

CONTACT CONGRESS

Step 1: Copy the email below.

Step 2: Find your representative here.

Step 3: Go to their website and click contact.

Step 4: Paste the email into the form and send. Please contact Jeremy Grabiner (policy@ncuih.org) with questions.

Email to Your Representative

Dear Representative [NAME],

As an urban Indian health advocate, I respectfully request that you sign on to the bipartisan Congressional Native American Caucus letter to the House Committee on Appropriations in support of funding for Tribal programs, including Urban Indian Organizations in the FY26 budget.

These programs deliver on the United States' trust and treaty obligations to Tribal Nations and Tribal citizens. As such, funding for these programs must be safeguarded to ensure successful delivery of services to Tribal citizens and Tribal Nations.

Tribal programs are unique because they are delivered in recognition of Tribal Nations' and Native people's unique political status under the U.S. Constitution, as recognized by the U.S. Supreme Court. I respectfully ask that you help honor the federal trust obligation to provide health services to Native people, no matter where they live, by signing on to this letter.

Sign on to the letter by reaching out to Vittoria Casey (vittoria.casey@mail.house.gov). The deadline to sign on to the letter is June 23, 2025.

Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to Indian Country.

Sincerely,

[contact information]

POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Example post:

We need your help to support American Indian and Alaska Native communities! Tribal programs and Urban Indian Organizations are essential to delivering on the United States' trust and treaty obligations, and funding for these programs must be protected. Call on your Representative TODAY and urge them to sign on to the Native American Caucus Tribal Programs support letter.

NCUIH Supports Tribal Sovereignty

NCUIH respects and supports Tribal sovereignty and the unique government-to-government relationship between our Tribal Nations and the United States. NCUIH works to support those federal laws, policies, and procedures that respect and uplift Tribal sovereignty and the government-to-government relationship. NCUIH does not support any federal law, policy, or procedure that infringes upon, or in any way diminishes, Tribal sovereignty or the government-to-government relationship.

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