

Dear Tribal Leader,

On March 7, 2021, President Biden issued an Executive Order on Promoting Access to Voting. Included in the Order is the establishment of a Native American Voting Rights Steering Group. The Steering Group, led by the Domestic Policy Council, is charged with studying best practices for protecting voting rights of Native Americans and producing a report within one year. The Order also stipulates that the Steering Group will engage in meaningful and robust consultation with Tribal Nations and Native leaders to inform the Steering Group regarding concerns and potential areas of focus for the report. The Steering Group will be making recommendations to increase voter outreach, education, registration and turnout in Native communities, as well as issues such as access to voting, increasing access to election-related materials and information in Native languages, and mitigation of barriers to voting, to name a few.

Tribal input is critical in this effort. Therefore, the Steering Group will be engaging in several consultations across the country, both virtually and in-person, as allowable, over the coming months. Please see attached for the schedule of the proposed consultations.

The June 2nd consultation with the <u>Western, Southwest and Navajo Regions</u> is a confirmed date, the remainder are tentative and we will send information confirming those dates soon. Our first session will be on <u>June 2, 2021 at 2 pm eastern time</u>.

You can register for this session at the following

link: <u>https://pitc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_kwoM2o2kSVaAOLRpILIHJg</u>. Registration will be unique to you and nontransferable. Once finalized, we will send out a final agenda and framing paper.

Please reach out to Tracy Goodluck (Tracy.L.Goodluck@who.eop.gov) with any questions.

Sincerely,

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