A PROMISE KEPT: HONORING OUR TRUST AND INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

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A PROMISE KEPT:

Legal Sovereign Contracts...

PART V.

INDIAN TREATIES CONSTRUED BY SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.


..... A Promise for Generations
HONORING OUR TRUST

BY HONORING THE UNITED STATES & TRIBAL GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIP

- United States Constitution
- The Snyder Act of 1921
- The Transfer Act of 1954
- Indian Sanitation Facilities and Services Action of 1959
- The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (enacted 1975)
- Indian Health Care Improvement Act of 1976
- The Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act of 1986
- The Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act of 1990
INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

TO *FINALLY END*

GROWING HEALTH DISPARITIES

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**MORTALITY DISPARITY RATES**

American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) in the IHS Service Area

2004-2006 and U.S. All Races 2005

(Age-adjusted mortality rates per 100,000 population)
Our Budget Recommendations for FY2016

I. $28.7B Total Tribal Needs Budget Phased-in over 12 Yrs

II. 17.58% increase from FY2014 Enacted Budget*

III. Restore Cuts/Shortfalls in FY2013-15 resulting from sequestration & inadequate increases to cover Congressionally mandated budget categories and inflation for Continuing Services & Binding Obligations

IV. Permanent Exemption from Sequestration

V. $300M to implement new authorities under IHCIA to address prevention

*includes placeholder estimates for CSC, Staffing for new facilities & new Tribes
Phase In Full Funding of IHS: $28.7 Billion Over 12 Years

Percent of Increases Needed to Achieve Full Funding in 12 Years - $28.7 billion
II. 17.58% Increase over FY2014 IHS Enacted Budget

Represents a Total Budget Request of $5.2 Billion for IHS

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Top 5 National Tribal Budget Priorities

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III. Restore Cuts/Shortfalls in FY2013-15

- Human Impact of FY2013 $217M sequester from IHS Services & Facilities:
  - Facility closures
  - Health Services cut or curtailed
  - Care denied; Contract care reduced to treat only Priority I (life or limb) patients
  - Employees terminated or furloughed

- FY 2014 budget did not restore sequestration for Services Budget
III. Restore Cuts/Shortfalls in FY2013-15 (cont’d)

• FY2014 Increase mandated for Contract Support Costs & Shortfall, and Staffing Obligations for New Facilities

• FY2015 Increase includes mandate to Fund 100% Contract Support Costs

• Mandates absorbed all increases & left NO funds to address national Tribal budget priorities
Restore Sequestration from FY 2013 and Preserve Current Services

Indian Health Service Funding FY 2009-2013
(Dollars in Thousands)

- FY2013
- FY2012
- FY2011
- FY2010

After Sequestration/Rescissions
Enacted

Range: $0 to $4,400,000
Hold Tribes and Tribal Programs Harmless from Sequestration in FY 2016 & Beyond

- Tribes should not be forced to subsidize the federal Trust responsibility
- Recommend to Congress that Tribal Health Services be exempt from future sequestration

“Our country’s financial troubles are not really stemming from our obligations to Indian Country, and frankly, we’re not doing a good job in fulfilling those obligations.”

Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA)
November 14, 2013
Fund Indian Health Care Improvement Act
New Authorities

IHCIA:

– Updates and modernizes health delivery services
– Establishes continuum of care through integrated behavioral health programs
– All provisions advance the health care of AI/AN peoples and must implemented
– Requires meaningful investment of resources to improve long-term health outcomes & reduce costs associated w/disease burden
Other Policy Recommendations

• Advance Appropriations for the IHS
  – Will allow I/T/Us to have a better knowledge of budgets leading to a better continuum of care
  – Will have better ability to hire and keep medical professionals
  – Will save administrative costs
Other Policy Recommendations (cont’d)

• Medicare Like Rates for Non-hospital Purchased/Referred Care (PRC)
  – Will save millions annually at no cost to the government for care provided
  – IHS the only government agency not paying Medicare like rates for care
In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations.

- Iroquois Maxim (circa 1700-1800)
“After I became President, I said that given the painful chapters and broken promises in our shared history, I'd make sure this country kept its promises to you.”  

President Barack Obama  
November 2013 White House Tribal Nations Summit
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