



Speak up for INDIAN COUNTRY on  
FY 2011 Budget – Contract Support Cost

Help is URGENTLY needed TODAY to have Senators sign on to the attached letter to the President regarding contract support cost.

The letter asks the President to include full funding for contract support costs in the FY 2011 Budget that is now being finalized.

"The Indian Health Service recently reported an anticipated contract support shortfall for FY 2011 of \$159 million, and the BIA has informally estimated that its shortfall in FY2011 will be at least \$80 million. These contract obligations must at long last be paid, and employment under contracted programs serving Indian communities thereby restored."

The letter was prepared by Senators Murkowski and Begich. It has been signed by Senator Tom Udall. We just learned that the deadline to sign the letter is **TODAY**.

**What You Can Do:**

Please contact your Senators immediately, plus Appropriations Chairman Inouye and Senate Indian Affairs Committee Chairman Dorgan. Send them this letter and ask the Senator to sign it. (If you are from Alaska, please focus on Senators Inouye and Dorgan.)

**QUESTIONS:** Please contact NIHB's Government Relations Director, Jessica Burger at [Jburger@nihb.org](mailto:Jburger@nihb.org) or Legislative Director, Jennifer Cooper at (202) 507-4076.