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Roberto Salazar, Administrator
USDA, Food and Nutrition Services
3101 Park Center Drive, Room 906
Alexandria, Virginia 22302

Subject: "FDPIR FY2008 Funding Comments"

Dear Mr. Salazar

The Zuni Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation is honored in your support and effort of the Funding for FDPIR's, as a Pilot Funding Methodology on basis that the funding work group had proposed. In your continuous support of "feeding the hungry" and "nutrition awareness" our continued effort is to serve our community with nutritious diets. The program was overwhelmed of the funds allocated for Fiscal Year 2008 for the Southwest Region.

We believe your consideration of equitable, fair and easy understanding of the funding for FDPIR's will empower the challenges that we are dealt with the dilemma of high social economics in rural areas, health ailments and other chronic diseases we encounter in our communities.

Nationally, all Indian Tribal Organization's will advocate and introduce other known domestically grown fruits and vegetables available to the food programs. Nutrition education will be highly emphasized within the food programs. Educate our community with the consumptions of fruits, vegetables, high fiber intake which are known factors to decrease some heart disease and other health ailments.

Therefore, with are optimistic that you will continue to consider in support of future funding allocation to all ITO'S.

Sincerely

Beatrice Panteah, FDPIR Director



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