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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
FOR PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

Dear Tribal Leader:

As the new fiscal and calendar years begin, the Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) is in the process of preparing for another national homeownership summit to be held in mid-Spring of this year. One of the primary purposes of this important meeting is to begin the process of sorting out and acting upon issues of mutual concern in the provision of affordable housing and community development.

Foremost among these purposes is to obtain tribal input about what issues are most important to you. To assist us in our efforts, I am asking you to provide us with a listing, along with a brief summary explanation, of the statutory changes that you believe are needed to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA), the NAHASDA program regulations and other matters that you consider a priority. We can then establish a regular schedule of regional and national consultations designed to provide you with a forum to discuss your priority issues with us. At the summit we can schedule future consultation sessions, negotiated rule making and other forms of consultation.

Please try to include only those items related to the NAHASDA regulations for this session. We would appreciate receiving your list by not later than March 1, 2001, in order to collate and then distribute a consolidated list of all issues in time for the Spring meeting. I will send you information on the actual dates and location of that meeting in the near future. Issue summaries and suggestions received after then will be included, if possible, or carried over to the next schedule.

Please send your list to:

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Our telephone number is (202) 401-7914, and you can fax your comments to (202)401-7909. Ed Fagan's e-mail address is: Edward_V._Fagan@hud.gov.

I look forward to your participation in this worthwhile endeavor. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

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for Native American Programs