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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 6083
OFFERED BY MRS. NOEM OF SOUTH DAKOTA

At the appropriate place in title XII, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____ . OFFICE OF TRIBAL RELATIONS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Department of Ag-
3 riculture Reorganization Act of 1994 is amended by add-
4 ing after section 308 (7 U.S.C. 3125a note; Public Law
5 103–354) the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 309. OFFICE OF TRIBAL RELATIONS.**

7 “The Secretary shall establish in the Office of the
8 Secretary an Office of Tribal Relations to advise the Sec-
9 retary on policies related to Indian tribes.”.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 296(b) of
11 the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of
12 1994 (7 U.S.C. 7014(b)) is amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (6)(C), by striking “or” at the
14 end;

15 (2) in paragraph (7), by striking the period at
16 the end and inserting “; or”; and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following new
18 paragraph:

1 “(8) the authority of the Secretary to establish
2 in the Office of the Secretary the Office of Tribal
3 Relations in accordance with section 309.”.



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Establishing an Office of Tribal Relations within USDA

Purpose: This amendment will permanently establish an Office of Tribal Relations within the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture to ensure Tribal consultation and Tribal access to USDA programs.