

USET SPF Alert: Support Joint Tribal Priorities in Congressional Stimulus Efforts

Dear USET SPF Board of Directors and DC Tribal Reps,

As the Senate works through the weekend to draft a third [stimulus package](#) (likely to surpass \$1 trillion) to provide resources and relief during the COVID-19 public health and economic crisis, we wanted to be sure you were equipped with Indian Country's current [health](#), [governance](#), and [economic priorities](#) for legislative action. These priorities were developed jointly by Tribal Nations, organizations, and advocates, including USET SPF, who came together this week to identify and draft legislative language to ensure our governments, communities, and economies are supported during this emergency. These letters, focused on health/human services, governance, and economic concerns, were transmitted to Capitol Hill last night and continue to be circulated today.

While these priorities are likely to shift over time, they represent opportunities to provide urgently needed funds and policy change in the quickest and most equitable way possible. USET SPF and its partners will continue to press for their inclusion in current and future stimulus efforts. Additionally, we remain focused on ensuring Tribal Nations, our people, and our economies are meaningfully included in broader provisions aimed at governments, employees, industry, and beyond.

In an effort to ensure a unified voice from and the inclusion of Indian Country, we urge you to contact your Senators and Representative(s) and insist that they fight for resources and relief for Indian Country. In accordance with federal trust and treaty obligations, it is vital that Congress act to provide immediate, substantial support to Tribal Nations during this time of national emergency. Failure to support Indian Country will be disastrous for Tribal Nations and Native people, as well as result in an incomplete response to this crisis affecting the nation at-large.

As always, I am happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for all you are doing to protect and support your nations.