Dear Tribal Leader,

On March 7, 2021, President Biden issued an Executive Order on Promoting Access to Voting. Included in the Order is the establishment of a Native American Voting Rights Steering Group. The Steering Group, led by the Domestic Policy Council, is charged with studying best practices for protecting voting rights of Native Americans and producing a report within one year. The Order also stipulates that the Steering Group will engage in meaningful and robust consultation with Tribal Nations and Native leaders to inform the Steering Group regarding concerns and potential areas of focus for the report. The Steering Group will be making recommendations to increase voter outreach, education, registration and turnout in Native communities, as well as issues such as access to voting, increasing access to election-related materials and information in native languages, and mitigation of barriers to voting, to name a few.

Tribal input is critical in this effort. Therefore, the Steering Group will be engaging in several consultations across the country (virtually) over the coming months. Please see the attached schedule of the proposed consultations and a framing paper describing the information we are seeking.

Our next two Tribal Consultations will take place on September 15th with the Southern and Great Plains Regions and September 22nd with the Alaska Region. If you are unable to make the dates and time for your region you are always welcome to attend any session that works best for you.

You can register for the September 15th session HERE and for the September 22nd session HERE. Registration will be unique to you and nontransferable. Also attached is the revised schedule, agenda and framing paper.

Please reach out to Tracy Goodluck (Tracy.L.Goodluck@who.eop.gov) with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
Consultation Schedule
Agenda
Framing Paper