



U. S. Department of Justice

Office of the Associate Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530
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Dear Tribal Leader,

We are honored to invite your participation in the 11th Annual Government-to- Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation to be held December 6, 2016, on the reservation of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians in Palm Springs, California. The consultation will take place prior to the 15th National Indian Nations Conference: Justice for Victims of Crime, which is scheduled for December 8-10, 2016 in the same location. The Department of Justice will be joined by our colleagues from the United States Department of Health and Human Services and Department of the Interior.

The purpose of the violence against women tribal consultation is to solicit recommendations from tribal leaders on the following three topics:

- Enhancing the safety of American Indian and Alaska Native women from domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and sex trafficking;
- Strengthening the Federal response to the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking; and
- Administering grant funds appropriated for tribal government and programs created to benefit tribal governments by the original Violence Against Women Act and subsequent legislation.

A copy of the 2015 Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation Report was mailed to you on July 26, 2016 and also is posted on the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) website. OVW will send out consultation questions and briefing materials along with OVW's report on the 2015 consultation recommendations in the fall. Logistical information about the tribal consultation will be available very soon at www.ovwtribalconsultation.org.

We look forward to seeing you in Palm Springs in December. If you have questions about the Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation, please contact Lorraine Edmo at lorraine.edmo@usdoj.gov or (202) 307-6026.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Baer".

William J. Baer

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