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Dear Tribal Leader,

We are honored to invite your participation in the 18th Annual Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation to be conducted in person August 8-10, 2023, in Tulsa, OK. The Department of Justice will continue to implement measures to protect the safety and health of tribal leaders and others who attend this tribal consultation in person. The consultation will include an option for tribal leaders who prefer to testify virtually. The Department of Justice will be joined by other federal stakeholders, including our colleagues from the United States Departments of Health and Human Services and the Interior. We will conduct the tribal consultation over three full days with the afternoon of the third day to be an open and interactive discussion between tribal leaders and federal representatives.

Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 20126, the purpose of the violence against women tribal consultation is to solicit recommendations from tribal leaders on the following four topics:

- Administering tribal funds and programs;
- Enhancing the safety of Indian women from domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, homicide, stalking, and sex trafficking;
- Strengthening the federal response to such crimes; and,
- Improving access to local, regional, state, and federal crime information databases and criminal justice information systems.

A copy of the 2022 Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation Annual Report of Proceedings will be emailed to you by the end of March and will also be posted on the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) website at: www.justice.gov/ovw/tribal-consultation. OVW will also email and post any consultation framing papers and briefing materials along with OVW's update report on the status of 2022 consultation recommendations. Logistical information about the tribal consultation and registration will be available soon at: www.ovwconsultation.org.

We look forward to seeing and hearing from you in August 2023. If you have questions about the Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation, please contact OVW's Deputy Director for Tribal Affairs, Sherriann Moore at: Sherriann.Moore@usdoj.gov or (202) 307-6026.

Sincerely,

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