



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 14th Annual Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation to be held August 21-22, 2019, at the Four Winds Resort in New Buffalo, Michigan, hosted by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. 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 for two full days with the afternoon of the second day to be an open, 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 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 funds and programs for tribal governments established by the original Violence Against Women Act and subsequent legislation.

A copy of the 2018 Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation Report was mailed to you this month and is posted on the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) website at: www.justice.gov/ovw/tribal-consultation. OVW will send out consultation framing papers and briefing materials along with OVW's update report on the status of 2018 consultation recommendations in the early summer. Logistical information about the tribal consultation will be available soon at: www.ovwconsultation.org.

We look forward to seeing you in New Buffalo in August. 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) 514-8804.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jesse Panuccio", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Jesse Panuccio
Principal Deputy Associate Attorney General