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Chairman Jeb Hensarling
Financial Services Committee
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Washington, D.C. 20515

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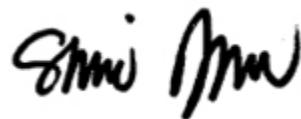
Thank you for working with tribes to reauthorize the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA). The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) also appreciates your inclusion of H.R. 3864 on the agenda of the next Financial Services Committee markup. As you know, H.R. 3864, as introduced by Representative Pearce earlier this year, is substantially the same bill as the one the Financial Services Committee reported out last Congress under your leadership and that bill was eventually passed by the full House of Representatives as well.

The NAIHC urges you to again act on this vitally important piece of legislation and report the bill, as introduced, out of Committee as soon as possible. Currently, H.R. 3864 has 12 bipartisan cosponsors, including the Co-Chairs of the Native American Caucus in the House of Representatives. The NAIHC believes that any changes to the bill at this stage would jeopardize that bipartisan support.

Passage of H.R. 3864 would provide key updates to NAHASDA that reflect a decade of input from tribal leaders and tribal housing professionals. Additionally, the bill provides certainty in funding to all NAHASDA recipients by extending the authorization through 2022. The NAIHC and its members look forward to working with you to ensure this bill is finally enacted this Congress.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued support of tribal housing programs. If you have any questions, please contact me or our Executive Director, Anthony Walters, in NAIHC's DC office at (202) 789-1754.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sami Jo Difunctorum".

Sami Jo Difunctorum
Chairwoman