Major Investments for Indian Country

To fulfill the U.S. government’s trust responsibility to our first nations, our plan will invest over $10 billion in tribal communities. Democrats know that the answer to fixing Indian Country’s infrastructure problem isn’t asking tribal governments to bear the financial burden when access to capital is the number one roadblock to development on Indian lands. Our plan also includes robust set-asides for tribes and promotes job creation on reservations by requiring meaningful participation for Minority Businesses Enterprises (MBEs), Veteran Business Enterprises (VBEs), and Women-Owned Businesses (WOBs) in all sectors of our infrastructure investments and continued support of the 8(a) Business Development Program.

$10 billion in direct investment for Tribal Infrastructure:

- $7.5 billion to the Health Care Facilities Construction program for the construction of new facilities, the renovation and rehabilitation of existing facilities, and investments in cutting-edge medical equipment

- $2.5 billion so that Indian Country has access to clean, reliable water supplies.
  - $1 billion for water infrastructure associated with water rights settlements.
  - $1 billion for Indian Irrigation projects.
  - $500 million for dam safety.

- $500 million in funding to reduce the Bureau of Indian Affair’s deferred maintenance backlog for roads and begin the process of reducing the number of unsafe bridges in Indian Country.

Additional funds are set aside throughout our Plan for tribal infrastructure:

- **Roads:** In addition to the BIA funding above, $3 billion in additional funding will be provided for the Federal Lands and Tribal Transportation program.

- **Transit:** We also propose major increases to the Tribal Transit Program (TTP).

- **Water:** Tribes are prioritized in the $115 billion provided for water infrastructure, and changes are made to the EPA revolving funds to make it easier for tribes to access the funding.

- **Schools:** Bureau of Indian Education and Tribal Colleges and Universities are included in our $50 billion plan to rebuild public schools.

- **Climate Resiliency:** Tribes will receive funding from the new programs supported by our plans investments in resiliency.

- **Housing:** Strengthen the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) & Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) which are critical to housing projects on tribal lands.

- **TIGER Grant Program:** $10 billion to expand this successful program which also provides funding to tribal projects.

- **Broadband:** Direct federal support to bring high-speed internet to tribal communities.