

INSERT TRIBAL LETTER HEAD

June 25, 2018

Dear Senator **[insert member name – Direct to your Senator and members on Senate Agriculture Committee and/or Senate Committee on Indian Affairs]**:

On behalf of the **[insert name of tribe, governing body, or relevant organization]**, **[we/I]** request that you move immediately to persuade Senators Roberts (R-KS) and Stabenow (D-MI), Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, to include the following provisions in the 2018 Farm Bill. These four provisions enjoy wide-spread and top-level support among Native American tribes:

1. Support Senator Smith's [S. 3046](#), the Tribal Food Sovereignty Act Amendment that provides tribal "638" authority for the administration of SNAP;
2. Ensure tribal governments have access to SNAP-related employment and training programs;
3. Include existing language included in both the House Farm Bill, [H.R. 2](#), and [S. 2804](#), Cultivating Resources, Opportunity, Prosperity, and Sustainability ("CROPS") for Indian Country Act, as introduced by Chairman John Hoeven (R-ND) and Ranking Member Tom Udall (D-NM) of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, which would extend "638" authority to tribal governments to protect tribal forests from threats of wildfire, disease and infestation from adjacent U.S. Forest Services and Bureau of Land Management forests; and
4. Support Senator Tester's **INSERT BILL**, which expands the Substantially Underserved Trust Areas ("SUTA") authority to additional programs within the USDA Office of Rural Development.

[We are/I am] urgently ask that you to support these provisions and encourage your colleagues to join you in supporting the self-determination of tribal governments.

Please feel free to call me or our counsel **[insert contact information]** at your earliest convenience to discuss. Thank you for all you and your staff do for Indian Country.

Sincerely,

[Insert signature, name, position/department, and tribe]