

USET SPF Action Alert: Push for Inclusion of Tribal Provisions in the ESEA Discussions

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The staff of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) is meeting over the next few days, including through the weekend, to negotiate language for the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). USET has been working with the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) and others to ensure that critical Tribal issues are raised in those negotiations.

Linked here is a [position paper](#), which has received wide support (including that of USET's Education Committee), that identifies key Tribal issues for this weekend's ESEA negotiations. Also attached is a [letter](#), with similar language, encouraging the Senate HELP Committee to address these issues.

If you are interested in supporting this effort, **please place the attached letter on official letter head as soon as possible—ideally, by COB this afternoon (Friday, March 13th)**. If you return the letter to us, we would be happy to circulate it on the Hill. For your use, we also attach the [contact information of key HELP Committee staff](#). In addition, we note that the USET Board passed a [resolution](#) supporting these provisions at Impact Week 2015.