

Dear Chairman Barrasso, Vice Chairman Tester, and Members of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs,

On behalf of the United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund (USET SPF), we provide the [attached](#) letter to extend our appreciation for your efforts to reauthorize and improve the efficacy of P.L. 111-211, the Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA). Passage of TLOA in 2010 was a major victory for Tribal jurisdiction, self-determination, and the fight against crime in Indian Country. Since all funding authorized by TLOA expired in 2015, it is critical that the legislation be reauthorized. S. 2920, the Tribal Law and Order Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2016, would reauthorize TLOA and provides some necessary improvements to the law, particularly those concerning juvenile justice. As the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA) prepares to mark-up S. 2920, USET SPF would again like to draw your attention to our priorities for the reauthorization, submitted following SCIA's February roundtable ([attached](#)).

USET SPF strongly supports all efforts to enhance TLOA's implementation and benefit to Tribal Nations. It is in this spirit that we urge SCIA to approve S. 2920 with the addition of as many Tribal recommendations as possible, including those from USET SPF. We commend Senator Barrasso for the introduction of S. 2920 and look forward to its passage. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me using the information below.

Sincerely,

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