April 5, 2021

Via Email

Dear Tribal Leader:

As the Point of Contact for Treasury’s Tribal Consultations, I invite you to attend a Tribal Consultation and Listening Session on Friday, April 30 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET on the findings and recommendations recently released in the Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee’s (TTAC) Dual Taxation Report adopted by the TTAC December 9, 2021.

In 2019, the TTAC identified policy priorities that the TTAC would address. These are: General Welfare Exclusion, Dual Taxation and Tribal Pensions. The TTAC organized Subcommittees on these issues to analyze the issues, seek input from tribal governments on the implications and impact of the status quo on Tribes and make recommendations to the TTAC on what Treasury and the Department of the Interior can do to address the problem of dual taxation on Tribal lands. The Subcommittee on Dual Taxation, which included subject matter and legal experts, spent a several months examining the issue, synthesizing findings, and crafting recommendations to present to the TTAC. The report was the reviewed, discussed in the December 9, 2020 public meeting and adopted with revisions. Upon adoption, the TTAC requested that Treasury engage in consultation with tribal governments to hear their comments and feedback on the report’s findings and recommendations. Please note that the report is a work product solely of the TTAC and is not a Treasury document. This consultation is part of the process for the TTAC to review the report and recommendations by Tribes and prepare final recommendations to Treasury. The report can be found here.

The Department of the Treasury is seeking your input on the following:

1. Does the report accurately reflect your Tribe’s experience with dual taxation?
2. Are there any significant issues that were not included in the report that should be explored?
3. What are your Tribes’ opinions on the recommendations included in the report?
4. Does your tribe have any other recommendations to add?
5. As Treasury considers the recommendations, how would tribes like to be advised of the progress of Treasury’s review of the report and recommendations?
6. Are there specific implementation steps your tribe would recommend?

We respectfully request that each Tribe register one primary leader or designee to provide comments by 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28, 2021.
Those who are not primary Tribal leaders or designees should register to make comments under the Listening Session. If time permits, we will include a Listening Session for other stakeholders. All others are welcome to register as listen-only participants. Please note that each consultation can host 1000 participants. Comments should be submitted to tribal.consult@treasury.gov. The deadline for written comments submitted is 11:59 p.m. ET June 28, 2021 and should be sent to tribal.consult@treasury.gov.

Consultations are off the record and not for press purposes.

Please register here.

We will send an agenda on or before Thursday, April 29, 2021.

We hope that you will be able to join us for this important discussion and value your participation.

Sincerely,

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