

THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT WASHINGTON

September 1, 2023

Dear Tribal Leader:

On behalf of the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), you are cordially invited to participate in a virtual Tribal consultation on either **Thursday**, **September 28**, **2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (EST) or Friday**, **September 29**, **2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (EST)**.

On January 26, 2021, President Biden issued *a Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships*. The Memorandum affirms the Administration's commitment to and respect for Tribal sovereignty. The Memorandum recognizes that we best serve Native American people when Tribal governments are empowered to lead their communities, and when Federal officials speak with and listen to Tribal leaders in formulating Federal policy that affects Tribal Nations.

USTR remains committed to engaging with Tribal Nations and seeking feedback from Tribal leaders on how USTR can engage in regular, meaningful, and robust consultation in the development of trade policies. The purpose of this Tribal consultation is for Tribal leaders and their designees to provide input on the President's Trade Policy Agenda and Annual Report, including the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement; the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum during this U.S. host year; the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework; the U.S.-Kenya Strategic Trade and Investment Partnership; the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st Century Trade; the Americas Partnership for Economic Prosperity; and other trade matters of interest to you.

For your convenience, we are offering the same consultation on two different days to help provide flexibility in light of the extraordinary demands on Tribal leaders' time. The Tribal leaders' engagement session will be held via teleconference. Details for the consultations are below:

Consultation #1

Date: Thursday, September 28, 2023 Time: 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM (EST) Consultation 1 Registration Link: https://pitc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN dgbLsit4TeaqfhqCeolygQ

Consultation #2

Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 Time: 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM (EST) Consultation 2 Registration Link:

https://pitc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_5GG-MieSRM2DEJXNvm8TuQ

Please register with USTR by **Friday**, **September 22**, **2023**, using either or both of the above links. We also welcome your written comments, which should be submitted by email to <u>TribalConsultation@ustr.eop.gov</u> by 5:00 p.m. (EST) on Friday, October 13, 2023.

In the event you cannot attend and wish to send a proxy, please notify my staff by Friday, September 22, 2023. To designate a proxy for this meeting, please copy the attached delegation form to Tribal letterhead and forward a completed form to <u>TribalConsultation@ustr.cop.gov</u>. This designation will authorize your designee, in writing, who will attend in your place. The delegation cannot be in perpetuity. You are also encouraged to bring program leadership and staff from your nation to the Tribal consultation as observers. Please note that these Tribal consultations will be closed to the press and the public to protect confidential information that may be discussed during the sessions.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your collaboration and partnership.

Sincerely,

Ambassador Katherine Tai U.S. Trade Representative

Enclosure