INCREASED APPROPRIATION LEVELS FOR INDIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT

WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-four (24) federally recognized tribes; and

WHEREAS, the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member tribes’ leadership; and

WHEREAS, USET has expert knowledge of the funding needs of NAHASDA programs; and

WHEREAS, USET knows that current funding levels do not meet present needs; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors has determined the FY2003 appropriations level for the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) be sustained at 1.0 billion dollars, and; be it further

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors determines that the FY 2004 appropriation level for IHBG be increased to 1.1 billion dollars.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, Thursday, February 6, 2003.

Keller George, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Beverly M. Wright, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

"Because there is strength in Unity"
Mr. James T. Martin  
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Dear Mr. Martin:

Thank you for your letter of February 14, 2003, conveying USET’s resolutions, which were recently passed at the 2003 Impact Week meeting.

I was pleased to have had the opportunity to meet with the USET Housing Committee during Impact Week. We addressed a variety of issues, and had an extensive discussion of the issues reflected in the resolutions. I will continue working with USET on these matters to improve housing conditions.

If I can be of further assistance, please call me at (202) 401-7914.

Sincerely,

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COMMENT:

Letter of response from Deputy Assistant Secretary
Rodger J. Boyd

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