



U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

Washington, DC 20530

March 14, 2017

Dear Tribal Leader,

On behalf of the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and the United States Department of Justice, I would like to thank each of you who were able to join us for our eleventh Annual Tribal Consultation on December 6, 2016 in Palm Springs, California. We are truly grateful to the many representatives from across Indian country who were able to share their recommendations and concerns about violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women. We are also grateful to those of you who took the time to submit written recommendations to OVW about how the U.S. Department of Justice and other federal agencies can help improve the federal response to violence against Indian women.

Please find enclosed a copy of the 2016 Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation Report, which summarizes the recommendations that OVW received from tribal leaders at last year's Consultation. OVW remains committed to supporting the efforts of tribal governments to respond to violence against women and depends on the recommendations received from tribal leaders to guide our work in tribal communities.

OVW is currently planning the 2017 Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation that will likely be held in November 2017. Additional details regarding the 2017 Tribal Consultation will be forthcoming. If you have any questions or comments regarding the 2016 report, please contact OVW's Deputy Director for Tribal Affairs, Sherriann Moore at Sherriann.Moore@usdoj.gov or (202) 514-8804.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nadine M. Neufville".

Nadine M. Neufville,
Acting Director