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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Economics and Statistics Administration
U.S. Census Bureau
Washington, DC 20233-0001
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Dear Honorable Tribal Leader:

I am writing to welcome you and your tribal community to a meeting on the 2020 Census. The U.S. Census Bureau recognizes you as a sovereign Nation and it is our policy to consult and work with all American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments before making decisions or implementing policies, rules, or program that may affect your tribe. We are beginning our meetings two years earlier than last decade, and we need your help and input on the planning of our operations and communications for the 2020 Census.

This meeting is geared to only state recognized tribal governments and will provide a forum for you to share insights, make recommendations, and discuss your concerns regarding the 2020 Census. The Census Bureau has contracted with an American Indian-owned firm, Kauffman and Associates of Spokane, Washington, to help with the logistics and implementation of these consultation meetings. The firm will be reaching out to identify and confirm your participation and will be sending you a letter with more information on how to register for this meeting. They will also be sending a booklet containing background information, subjects, and questions that seek your input through comment and participation in the consultation meetings.

We invite you to join our meeting, hosted in partnership with the North Carolina Indian Affairs Commission:

Date	TIME (Local Time Zone)	Location
Thursday, September 1, 2016	9:00 – 5:00 pm	Hilton North Raleigh 3415 Wake Forest Road Raleigh, NC 27609

We would also like you to submit questions or topics you would like us to consider for discussion during this meeting. For additional information, please visit http://www.census.gov/aian/_2020 or contact Dee Alexander, Intergovernmental Tribal Affairs Specialist, at (301) 763-9335 or via email at dee.a.alexander@census.gov.

We are excited about the upcoming consultation meeting and are dedicated to making these consultations a success. We look forward to working with you to ensure that we have comprehensive tribal input in anticipation of the 2020 Census and that we can achieve an accurate count for your tribal community living both on and off your reservation.

Sincerely,

John H. Thompson
Director