



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
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**U.S. Census Bureau**  
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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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Dear Honorable Tribal Leader:

I am writing to welcome you and your tribal community/village to the tribal consultation process for the 2020 Census. We appreciate your past support and input on our American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) policy statement and for your contributions to the 2010 Census.

The U.S. Census Bureau is committed to the tenants of *Executive Order 13175*. As part of our ongoing government-to-government relationship with federally recognized tribes, we are conducting a series of tribal consultation meetings and one national webinar in preparation for the planning of operations and communications for the 2020 Census. We would like to invite you to participate in one of these sessions or our national webinar between October 2015 and April 2016. These meetings will provide a forum for you to share insights, make recommendations, and discuss your concerns regarding the 2020 Census. Prior to the meetings, you will receive a booklet containing background information, subjects, and questions that seek your input through comment and participation in the consultation meetings.

These sessions will be held at annual tribal leader meetings and tribal association conferences. 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. In an effort to meet with as many federally recognized tribes as possible, the Census Bureau plans to enlist the assistance of regional intertribal alliances and organizations.

We would also like you to submit questions or topics you would like us to consider for discussion during these meetings. For additional information, please visit [http://www.census.gov/aiian/census\\_2020/](http://www.census.gov/aiian/census_2020/) or contact Dee Alexander, Intergovernmental Tribal Affairs Specialist, at (301) 763-9335, or via email at [dee.a.alexander@census.gov](mailto:dee.a.alexander@census.gov).

We are excited about the upcoming consultation meetings 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.

Sincerely,

John H. Thompson  
Director