

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Eric Holder  
Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius  
Secretary of Health and Human Services  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20201

The Honorable Ken Salazar  
Secretary of the Interior  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240-0001

Dear Attorney General Holder, Secretary Sebelius, and Secretary Salazar:

In July 2008, Congress passed the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-293) (the "Act"). Title VI of the Act established the Emergency Fund for Indian Safety and Health and authorized \$2,000,000,000 for desperately needed law enforcement, health care, and water projects benefitting American Indians and Alaska Natives.

The Act requires the Secretary of the Interior, Attorney General, and the Secretary of Health and Human Service to jointly establish an emergency plan by no later than July 30, 2009. The emergency plan, which would be developed in consultation with Indian tribes, would determine how to allocate the \$2,000,000,000 authorization for the Emergency Fund for Indian Safety and Health. Please provide our offices with the status of the emergency plan and confirmation that the plan will be completed as required by the Act.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

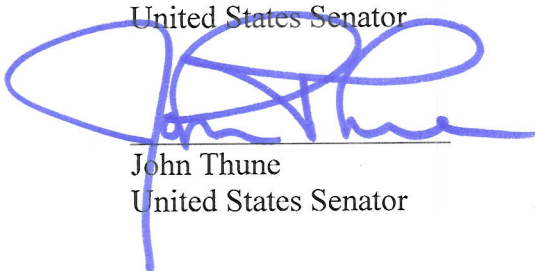
Sincerely,



Jon Kyl  
United States Senator



Byron Dorgan  
United States Senator



John Thune  
United States Senator



Tim Johnson  
United States Senator