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Dear Tribal Leader:

On behalf of the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, you are cordially invited to a tribal consultation to discuss the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). The purpose of this meeting is to continue discussions regarding the priorities and needs of tribal communities who operate FDPIR.

The meeting is scheduled during the upcoming National Congress of American Indians 2020 Executive Winter Session:

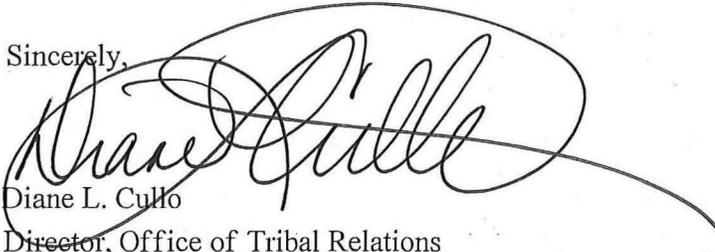
Date: Thursday, February 13, 2020  
Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (EST)  
Location: Capital Hilton  
Room: TBD (Please check [www.usda.gov/otr](http://www.usda.gov/otr) for updates)  
1001 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20036

In the event you cannot attend and wish to send a proxy, please notify USDA Office of Tribal Relations (OTR) by February 11, 2020. To designate a proxy for this meeting, please copy the attached delegation form to tribal letterhead. This designation will authorize your designee, in writing, who will attend in your place. The delegation will apply to this consultation only. USDA encourages that your proxy, should one be designated, be an elected tribal leader in recognition of our government-to-government relationship. In addition, you are welcome to bring program leadership and staff from your nation to the tribal consultation as observers.

We hope that you will join us for this important discussion. Please contact me at [Tribal.Relations@usda.gov](mailto:Tribal.Relations@usda.gov) to confirm your or your designee's participation and if you have any items for the agenda. Once finalized, updates and the agenda will be posted on the USDA OTR website at: [www.usda.gov/otr](http://www.usda.gov/otr).

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to seeing you on February 13<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,

  
Diane L. Cullo  
Director, Office of Tribal Relations

Attachment:  
Tribal Leader Proxy Letter