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Dear Ms. Christopherson:

Under Executive Order 13175, “Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments,” and USDA Departmental Regulation 1350-002 “Tribal Consultation, Coordination, and Collaboration,” USDA aims to respect Indian tribal self-government and sovereignty, honor tribal treaty and other rights, and meet the responsibilities that arise from the unique legal relationship between the Federal government and Tribal governments.

Because duly elected tribal leaders, or their designee, trigger the government-to-government relationship with the United States, formal administrative requirements under the Federal Advisory Committee Act do not apply.[[1]](#footnote-1)

I am unable to attend the meeting to discuss the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations on December 11, 2023. I hereby designate

who holds the position of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ within

the Tribe to act as my proxy for this meeting.

Sincerely,

1. See the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA; 5 U.S.C. Appendix – Federal Advisory Committee Act; 86 Stat. 770, as amended.) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)