



October 6, 2023

Dear Tribal Leader:

This letter is a follow-up to the Dear Tribal Leader Letter dated July 7, 2023, inviting you to consult on Strengthening ICWA.

The July 7 letter identified September 15, 2023, as the deadline for written comments. Upon request, we are extending the written comment deadline to **Friday, January 12, 2024**.

You may submit written comments by email to [consultation@bia.gov](mailto:consultation@bia.gov) by 11:59 p.m. ET on **Friday, January 12, 2024**. Comments must be identified as "Strengthening ICWA."

If you have any questions regarding this effort, please contact Meghan Bishop, Policy Specialist to the Assistant Secretary — Indian Affairs, via email at [meghan.bishop@bia.gov](mailto:meghan.bishop@bia.gov) or (202) 208-7163.

We look forward to receiving your input on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Hild  
Acting Assistant Secretary – Administration for Children and Families

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Bryan Newland  
Assistant Secretary — Indian Affairs

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Gina Allery  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General – Environment and Natural Resources Division