



DEAR TRIBAL LEADER LETTER

Notice of Fiscal Year Progress

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Via Email

Dear Tribal Leader:

On behalf of Martin O'Malley, Commissioner of Social Security, we are pleased to share with you our agency's efforts pursuant to the Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships. The Office of Native American Partnerships published the [Fiscal Year 2023 Tribal Consultation and Coordination Plan Progress Report](#) and the [SSA Tribal Benefits Coordinator Guide](#).

Our Progress Report for Fiscal Year 2023 summarizes our multi-prong approach consisting of consultation, outreach, service delivery, and recruitment. Our Office of Native American Partnerships within the Office of the Commissioner elevates and centralizes efforts to improve our relationship with Tribes and coordinate outreach and support. We are sharing the results based on our commitments in the [2023 Tribal Consultation and Call to Action Plan](#) published in April of this year.

Our Social Security Administration Tribal Benefits Coordinator Guide is published on a bi-annual basis and is a major commitment from our Tribal Consultation and Call to Action Plan. This guide is designed for use by the Tribal Benefit Coordinators, Navigators, and Social Workers (who work in Tribal Government and Urban Indian Centers) across the country servicing Tribal members. Additionally, I am proud to share we kicked off training efforts last month with the *Tribal Benefits Coordinators Refresher Training*. In the coming months, I will share opportunities for your staff to join a future workshop to learn more about the Social Security programs and services for Tribal members.

I look forward to meeting you throughout our travel activities to continue building trust and understanding of your unique needs.

Sincerely,

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