



## DEAR TRIBAL LEADER LETTER

### Announcement for SSA Press Releases

April 11, 2024  
Via Email

Dear Tribal Leader & Urban Indian Organization Leader:

On behalf of Martin O'Malley, Commissioner of Social Security, I am pleased to share our agency's updates to policies, pursuant to the [Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships](#). In alignment with the [Fiscal Year 2024 Tribal Consultation Call To Action Plan](#), the Office of Native American Partnerships continues to improve outreach with Tribal Leaders and Urban Indian Organization Leaders by sharing the most recent Social Security Administration Press Releases.

We summarized the following [Press Releases](#):

- On March 29<sup>th</sup>, [Social Security to Raise the Representative Fee Cap to Help with Claiming Benefits](#) by the raising the fee cap for claimants' representatives, from \$7,200 to \$9,200.
- On March 29<sup>th</sup>, [Social Security Eliminates Overpayment Burden for Social Security Beneficiaries](#) will decrease overpayment withholding rate to 10% (or \$10, whichever is greater).
- On March 27<sup>th</sup>, [Social Security to Remove Barriers to Accessing SSI Payments](#) by publishing a final rule, "Omitting Food from In-Kind Support and Maintenance (ISM) Calculations."
- On March 20<sup>th</sup>, [Social Security Announces Four Key Updates to Address Improper Payments](#) by sharing Commissioner's upcoming announcements and hearing testimonies.

To receive the latest Social Security Administration information, feel free to [subscribe for updates](#).

Thank you for your time and we look forward to crossing paths with you in my upcoming travels to Albuquerque, NM for the [Native American Training Institute Veterans Symposium](#) on April 19-20<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

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