

Post-Hearing Questions for Mary Kathryn Nagle:

Rep. Deb Haaland:

1. In your testimony, you stated that there are resources needed for victim services which would provide meaningful interventions for survivors of gender-based violence. What types of programs would be most effective to address this? Is the funding needed in Indian Country, urban areas, or both?
2. You mentioned that to address this issue, there needs to be improved access to federal criminal databases. Can you explain the difference between the various available federal data systems and which one would be the best central point for data collection for MMIW?

Chairman Grijalva:

1. What programs or initiative is your organization or other organizations currently developing to address the MMIW issue?
 - a. How is your organization collaborating with local tribal groups or coalitions?
2. Your testimony also refers to Alaska having “unique” jurisdictional challenges when compared to other Tribes. Can you explain why Alaska has different jurisdictional issues and how the NIWRC is working with Alaska Native tribes to deal with this?
 - a. Please provide the historical context and different relationship Alaska Natives have with the federal government.
3. Ms. Nagle, NIWRC has done a lot of events both on the local and federal lever to educate the public on this issue, and I want to thank you and your organization for that.
 - a. With that in mind, why do you think it has been, and continues to be, so difficult in getting attention focused on the MMIW issue, especially in the law enforcement and justice arenas?
 - b. In your opinion, what is the greatest roadblock in this area?
4. What avenues of funding are needed to address violence associated with the murder of Native women? What type of funding is needed for tribes and local governments to address problems that arise when a Native woman goes missing?