## **Questions from Rep. Gallego** for Commissioner Hovland:

- 1. As apparent in your testimony, ANA offers a couple of readily-accessible resources to Native communities on the topic of MMIW, such as the online Native Youth Toolkit on Human Trafficking.
  - How does ANA conduct outreach to relevant communities and organizations so that they know about these resources?
  - Is ANA in the process of creating additional publicly-available resources for Native victims or organizations?

## **Questions from Rep. Grijalva** for Commissioner Hovland:

- 1. You highlight the Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) Family Violence Prevention and Services Act and the help that it has been in establishing vital victim services and awareness programs for tribal communities. Because 10% of the Act's appropriations go directly to tribes and to tribal organizations, such programs are reliant on the Act's annual funding.
  - Exactly how much money was available to tribes and tribal organizations this fiscal year?
  - O What will the funding look like next year?
  - o In your experience, has there been an expressed need for greater funding?

## **Questions from Rep. Haaland** for Commissioner Hovland:

- 2. You mentioned that HHS is leading the federal efforts on primary prevention, intervention, recovery, and healing as they pertain to the MMIW crisis.
  - Are other federal agencies helping HHS to fulfill this mission?
  - o If they aren't currently, how could other agencies collaborate with HHS to implement programming related to MMIW?
- 3. You highlight the recent establishment of the Human Trafficking Leadership Academy, where Native survivors of human trafficking and frontline professionals are given the opportunity to participate in monthly leadership training.
  - Can you detail how this leadership academy was created (i.e. who was involved/consulted, was it a Native-driven community effort, etc.)?
  - Do you think replicating such a process is necessary in creating lasting and effective victim services programs in Indian Country?

- 4. Last month, staff members from the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC), the Alaska Native Women's Resource Center (AKNWRC), and the StrongHearts Native Helpline gathered in Seattle at a Tribal Grantee Meeting to discuss the MMIW crisis.
  - Does your agency currently offer similar annual conferences or strategic planning meetings for tribal programs funded under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act?
  - Is HHS considering the proposal of an annual summit on the topic of MMIW amongst its many victim support services programs?