

Questions for the Record by Democrat Members

Questions from Rep. Raúl M. Grijalva for Mr. Adrian Stevens, Acting Chairman, Board of Directors & National American Indian Housing Council:

1. Despite the passage of recent housing funding increases, your testimony mentions that the housing shortages across Indian Country cannot be fixed overnight.
 - a. In your opinion, how can Congress better address the systemic housing disparities that affect tribal communities?
2. Your testimony mentions the construction difficulties that tribal governments have faced throughout this pandemic, even with additional housing funding. Can you please elaborate on this issue?
 - a. Does the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) have a policy recommendation for this specific problem?
3. Your testimony also highlights the concerns raised by tribal leaders about the Treasury Department's funding formulas' rigidity—precisely, with the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. Can you please elaborate on this issue?
 - a. Have tribal governments experienced similar funding barriers in other pandemic relief programs?
 - b. Moving forward, what can Congress do to support tribal governments on this issue?
4. Based on your organization's feedback from tribal governments, what role has tribal consultation played in the federal government's disbursement of all COVID-19 related housing funds?
 - a. What, if anything, can be improved about such consultations?