



House Natural Resources Committee
Washington, DC 20003

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today to request that you support our need for Funding for Urban Indian Health Facilities under the American Jobs Plan.

Native Directions, Inc. is a non-profit Residential Treatment Center for, Substance Abuse. The organization was founded in 1972, by a group of Homeless Native American men who were Looking for a way to assist Native men living on the streets of California. They opened in 1972 and moved to our current Location in 1974. They were looking for a rural setting where They would be allowed to practice their culture as a component To Substance Abuse Treatment. The organization sets on a two Acre site and was originally one of the first elementary schools In this town. We have been here for the last forty-seven years And the property is in need of renovation, and constant repair. We are a Native American agency that has been here for many Years and to our culture and traditions this site is now considered A sacred site and we must preserve it. We have held many years Of our spiritual practices here and have assisted many Native American men to find sobriety and a new way of life. We are in Need to finally upgrade the buildings and grounds and with that I humbly request that you support the Urban Indian Health Facilities Funding.

Thank You,

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