

SAMPLE Letter for Tribes First Implementing STCJ in Calendar Year 2025

[Applicant Letterhead]

[Date]

Director
Office on Violence Against Women
145 N Street, NE
Washington, DC 20530

[Name of applicant] is not yet exercising Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction (STCJ) but the Tribe will begin implementing STCJ on **[insert date in calendar year 2025]**.

[INSERT explanation why the Tribe knows that this is the date of implementation (e.g., the Tribal Council has enacted implementing legislation that takes effect on that date, the Tribe has enacted implementing legislation that is pending BIA approval, etc.).]

The Tribe acknowledges that, in the event it does not exercise STCJ during calendar year 2025, it may not draw down any portion of its initial allocation under the Tribal Reimbursement Program.

Sincerely,

[Applicant Authorizing Official]