



**U.S. Department of Justice**

Office on Violence Against Women

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Washington, DC 20530

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Dear Tribal Leader,

On behalf of the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and the United States Department of Justice I would like to thank each of you who were able to join us for our ninth annual Tribal Consultation on October 15, 2014, in Rapid City, South Dakota. We are grateful to the many representatives from across Indian country were able to share their recommendations and concerns about violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women. We are also thankful to those of you who took time to submit written recommendations to OVW about how the U.S. Department of Justice and other Federal agencies can help to improve the Federal response to violence against Indian women.

Please find enclosed a copy of the 2014 Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation Report, which summarizes the recommendations that OVW received from tribal leaders at last year's Consultation. OVW remains firmly committed to supporting the efforts of tribal governments to respond to violence against women, and depends on the recommendations that it receives from tribal leaders to guide its work in tribal communities.

OVW is currently working on plans for the 2015 Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation that will likely be held in October 2015. Additional details regarding the 2015 tribal consultation will be forthcoming. In the meantime, if you have questions or comments about the 2014 report, please contact OVW's Deputy Director for Tribal Affairs, Lorraine P. Edmo at [Lorraine.Edmo@usdoj.gov](mailto:Lorraine.Edmo@usdoj.gov) or (202) 514-8804.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bea Hanson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Bea Hanson  
Principal Deputy Director