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Dear Tribal Leader,

As a federal agency, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recognizes its special commitment to American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and is dedicated to fulfilling its critical role in promoting tribal health and safety. In 2008, CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) established the [Tribal Advisory Committee](#) (TAC) to advise the two agencies by providing input and guidance on policies, guidelines, and programmatic issues affecting the health of American Indian and Alaska Native tribes.

CDC and ATSDR request your help in identifying strong tribal leaders to fill current TAC vacancies. Vacant seats include:

- **1 Delegate** in the Great Plains
- **6 Alternates** in the Albuquerque, Billings, Great Plains, Nashville, Navajo, and Tucson areas
- **3 National At-Large Tribal Member Alternates**

Alternates do **not** need to be from the same tribe as the primary delegate. Nominated area delegates and alternates must be qualified to represent the views of tribes within the area, be an elected tribal leader, and work in their official capacity. Additional details on roles can be found in the [TAC Charter](#).

Please share this nomination request with elected leaders in the listed areas and encourage them to submit qualified candidates. National At-Large seats are open to leaders from any tribe, regardless of Indian Health Service area. You may use this [sample letter](#) for submitting candidates. **Nomination Deadline: Monday, June 15, 2026.**

For questions about the TAC or the nomination process, please contact CDC's Office of Tribal Affairs and Strategic Alliances at TribalSupport@cdc.gov. Thank you for your continued leadership and for helping ensure tribal nations' perspectives guide CDC's work to protect the health of American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

Sincerely,

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