

Instructions for Tribal Public Witnesses

March 17, 2021

Dear Tribal Leader,

For the past several years, the Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies of the House of Representatives has held public witness hearings to receive testimony from Indian Country on issues and needs related to the Department of the Interior, the Indian Health Service, and other agencies. These hearings are extremely productive; last year, the subcommittee held two days of hearings with approximately 80 witnesses attending. Unfortunately, due to the ongoing pandemic, the large number of witnesses, and the difficulty associated with holding a virtual hearing trying to ensure everyone has sufficient time to provide their testimony, the subcommittee is unable to hold such hearings this year.

The testimony received in prior years has been extremely informative and is used to develop the annual appropriation bill. Because of this, the subcommittee is requesting written testimony on the issues and needs of Indian Country. Please be assured that this testimony will be distributed to subcommittee members and their staff. As always, the testimony will be read and considered by the subcommittee as the appropriations process goes forward for fiscal year 2022. Hearings will be resumed in 2022 when development of the fiscal year 2023 bill commences.

In the meantime, written testimony for fiscal year 2022 may include information on any or all areas within the subcommittee's jurisdiction. Testimony is limited to 4 pages and must be received no later than April 16, 2021. For your testimony to be considered by the subcommittee, you must also submit a Witness Disclosure Form.

<https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/democrats.appropriations.house.gov/files/Truth%20in%20Testimony%20Form.pdf> Rule XI, clause 2 (g)(5), of the U.S. House of Representatives provides: (B) In the case of a witness appearing in a nongovernmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include a curriculum vitae and a disclosure of any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, received during the calendar year or either of the two previous calendar years by the witness or by any entity represented by the witness and related to the subject matter of the hearing. Additional instructions are attached. If you have additional questions, please contact the subcommittee at 202-225-3081, or at IN.Approp@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Chellie Pingree, Chair
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
And Related Agencies



David P. Joyce, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies

An electronic copy of testimony must be received no later than 5 p.m. (EST) Friday, April 16, 2021. No exceptions.

Email your testimony as an attachment to IN.Approp@mail.house.gov with a subject line “**Written Testimony**”.

All written testimony must comply with the following requirements:

- Do not exceed four pages – testimony that exceeds four pages will be truncated.
- Type on standard 8.5 by 11-inch letter size paper.
- Single-space type in 12-point font with one-inch margins.
- Clearly indicate your name, title, and institutional affiliation (if any) at the top of the first page.
- Clearly state in the first paragraph the agency, program, and amount of funding involved in the request.
- Do not include color and detailed photos since the official record will contain photographically reproduced copies of written testimony. Use of charts and tables and the use of appropriate bold type and bullets are acceptable if they are within the four-page maximum length.
- All document files will be accepted, but PDF documents are preferred.
- Witness Disclosure Form submissions are required by the subcommittee in addition to written testimony.

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