



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT**
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-5000

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Dear Tribal Leader:

I am pleased to introduce to you the HUD's Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, Hunter Kurtz. Below is an introductory letter to Tribal Leaders and TDHE Directors from Mr. Kurtz.

Dear Tribal Leaders and TDHE Directors,

On February 6, 2019, President Donald J. Trump renominated me to serve as Assistant Secretary of Public and Indian Housing. As I await confirmation, I am honored Secretary Carson asked me to fill the role of Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing and to serve our country alongside you. I am a houser at heart, a practitioner of HUD programs, and a true believer in the Department's mission.

I have spent much of my professional career in a variety of positions at HUD, including time here during the Bush Administration and returning as a career civil servant at HUD during the Obama Administration. Prior to coming home to HUD in 2017, I was the Deputy Director of the Housing and Revitalization Department for the City of Detroit. One of the fundamental lessons I learned in working with the city was that a one-size-fits-all approach to creating sustainable, affordable housing does not work. I want to work with you to provide tribes, public housing authorities, states, and localities the tools and flexibility they need to best house families in need.

I look forward to working with our tribal partners. PIH has a strong commitment to our stakeholders in communities across Indian Country, and I'm looking forward to an ongoing dialogue with tribes as we build on the successes of our current programs while working with Secretary Carson to implement new and innovative ways to achieve HUD's mission.

Thank you for your continued endeavors as we strive to ensure families have decent housing and opportunities to better their lives. I look forward to working with all of you.

With appreciation,

R. Hunter Kurtz

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary

I look forward to introducing Mr. Kurtz to Native American Programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heidi J. Frechette".

Heidi J. Frechette
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Native American Programs

