



Media Alert

National American Indian Housing Council

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NAIHC News Briefing/Luncheon:

NAIHC Chairman to Address HUD Decision to Halt Indian Housing Funds, Decision Could Bankrupt Some Indian Housing Authorities

-- Will Testify Before Senate Indian Affairs Committee Oversight Hearing on Indian Housing

What: National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) News Briefing/Luncheon

When: Wednesday, June 28, 12:30 p.m. EDT

Where: NAIHC Headquarters (50 F St. NW, Suite 3300, Washington, DC 20001, near Union Station Metro Stop). Teleconference Option Available: Please contact Kim Hayes at (202) 536-7983

Who: Newly Elected NAIHC Chairman **Marty Shuravloff**, who is also Executive Director of the **Kodiak Island Housing Authority** in Alaska. NAIHC Executive Director **Gary L. Gordon** will also participate.

Why: The Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) distributed a letter to tribal leaders indicating that it is immediately ceasing to process any further FY06 Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) awards until a legal decision is issued on the *Fort Peck v. HUD* case. The implications of HUD's decision to cease the IHBG allocations **will detrimentally affect many tribes and tribal housing programs**. NAIHC sent a letter to HUD in opposition to this decision and is encouraging tribal leaders to contact HUD and Congress. Mr. Shuravloff will be **available to answer media questions about this potentially disastrous decision** that could bankrupt numerous Indian housing authorities.

In addition, **Mr. Shuravloff** will talk about his testimony to the **Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Oversight Hearing on Indian Housing** (being held the same day). Topics to be addressed:

- Reauthorization of the **Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA)**,
- Tribal sovereignty and the tribes' **government-to-government relationship** with HUD,
- Indian housing funding and the **extreme cuts to NAIHC's** own training and technical assistance funds, which are crucial due the fact that 90,000 Native families are homeless or underhoused.

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The National American Indian Housing Council (www.naihc.net) assists tribes and tribal housing entities in reaching their self-determined goals of providing culturally relevant, decent, safe, sanitary, and quality affordable housing for Native people in Indian communities and Alaska Native villages.