# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 118TH CONGRESS

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### **REAUTHORIZE NAHASDA**

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- Support NAHASDA Reauthorization efforts
- The Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act was first created in 1996 but has been expired since 2013
- Provides annual, dedicated funding to tribal housing programs
- Helps fulfill United States trust and treaty obligations to tribes
- Bipartisan bill passed the full Senate as part of 2021 National Defense Authorization Act
  - Provides tribally requested programmatic improvements
  - Expands HUD-Veterans Affairs
    Supportive Housing program

## **LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

- Native American Rural Home-ownership Improvement Act
  - Utilizes Native CDFIs to deploy USDA
    Section 502 Single Family Home Loan funds to Native Americans
- S. 185, VA Native American Direct Loan Improvement Act
  - Increases the number of home loans to Native Veterans returning home
- S. 70, Tribal Trust Land Homeownership Act
  - Improves the BIA land title procedures for home loans on trust lands

#### **INCREASE INVESTMENT**

- Tribal housing funding stagnant for 20 years
- Since 1998, NAHASDA funding has only increased 31%, from \$600 to \$787 million
  - Tribes need \$1.1 billion just to keep pace with inflation over 20 years
  - In that same time, HUD budget has nearly tripled, \$23 billion in 1998 to \$70.5 billion today
- Tribes asked to maintain 38,000 existing units and develop new units with NAHASDA funds
  - Also provide other housing services

#### **OTHER INITIATIVES**

- Extend Tribal Emergency Rental Assistance program for 1-year
- Allow tribal housing programs access to the Section 8 Voucher Program
- Establish tribal set-aside for Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program
- Utilize Native CDFIs to expand access to USDA Section 502 Single Family Housing Loans & VA Native American Direct Loans on trust lands