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Statement from NAIHC Executive Director Rudy Soto on the End of the Government Shutdown and Resumption of Tribal Housing Programs

Washington, D.C. — The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC), the nation’s leading advocacy organization for Tribal housing, today welcomed the end of the federal government shutdown and the restoration of vital operations to Tribal housing programs across Indian Country.

“The reopening of the federal government restores access to critical housing resources for Tribal Nations and communities,” said Rudy Soto, NAIHC Executive Director. “While we recognize the difficult negotiations that accompany any budget process, the interruption of essential housing programs directly affects the well-being and stability of Native and Tribal families and communities.”

During the shutdown, many Tribes faced significant disruptions as federal employees within the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Office of Native American Programs were unavailable to process funding requests, provide technical assistance, or advance competitive grant opportunities. The restart of these services marks an important step toward restoring normal operations and ensuring that housing projects and construction can move forward without further delay.

“Each day that funding and program support were delayed meant Tribal governments were forced to make difficult decisions affecting housing development, maintenance, and safety,” Soto continued. “Moving forward, we urge policymakers to move past partisan gridlock in Washington to prevent future shutdowns that put the federal government’s obligations at risk.”

“As operations resume, we look forward to working with HUD and other federal agencies to strengthen housing development opportunities and uphold the federal government’s responsibilities to Tribal Nations,” Soto concluded.

NAIHC continues to seek feedback from its members on the impacts of the shutdown and encourages Tribal housing programs to share their experiences by completing the survey



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available on NAIHC's website. This input will help strengthen NAIHC's advocacy efforts and ensure policymakers understand the full scope of challenges faced across Indian Country.

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About NAIHC

The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC), established in 1974, is the only national nonprofit organization representing Tribal housing programs and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) across Indian Country. NAIHC provides training, technical assistance, advocacy, and resources to support safe, affordable, and culturally appropriate housing for Native people.



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