



U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Report Release & Conference Call

Broken Promises: Continuing Federal Funding Shortfall for Native Americans

Thursday, December 20, 2018, 1:00 pm ET

On December 20, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Chair Catherine E. Lhamon and Commissioner Karen K. Narasaki will hold a conference call to discuss the Commission's forthcoming report, *Broken Promises: Continuing Federal Funding Shortfall for Native Americans*. In this report, the Commission evaluates whether the federal government is meeting its trust responsibilities and examines budgets and spending of federal agencies that sponsor Native American and Native Hawaiian programs, including the Departments of Health and Human Services, Interior, Housing and Urban Development, Justice, and Education.

Prompted by concerns raised by Native American communities and Members of Congress, *Broken Promises* revisits the Commission's 2003 [report](#), *A Quiet Crisis: Federal Funding and Unmet Needs in Indian Country*, which similarly evaluated expenditures of federal agencies sponsoring Native American programs. In that report, the Commission majority found that "funding for services critical to Native Americans – including health care, law enforcement, and education – is disproportionately lower than funding for services to other populations."

Our *Broken Promises* report, based on expert and public input, and extensive research and analysis, will offer actionable recommendations to the President, Congress, and numerous federal agencies.

We will provide additional details prior to the call. Please also stay abreast of updates at www.usccr.gov and on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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