



Congressional Panel Discussion:
***Broken Promises: Continuing Federal Funding Shortfall
for Native Americans***

Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 1:00 – 2:00 pm EDT
Room HVC-200 | U.S. Capitol Visitor Center
[Live-Streaming information TBD]

In December 2018, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights released *Broken Promises: Continuing Federal Funding Shortfall for Native Americans*, which evaluated 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.

We invite you to attend a Congressional panel discussion, with the opportunity for Members of Congress, including Representatives Derek Kilmer, Tom Cole, and Deb Haaland; representatives from key federal agencies; the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI); and members of the Commission to engage in a critical discussion on necessary policy reforms to address priority issues outlined in the report, including:

- Addressing the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls crisis and broader challenges facing tribal law enforcement and justice programs;
- Promoting Self-Determination and Self-Governance;
- Fostering tribal economic development opportunities;
- Increasing access to health care and improving outcomes throughout Indian Country.

Panelists

- Rep. Derek Kilmer (D-WA), Host
- Catherine E. Lhamon, Chair, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
- Karen Narasaki, Commissioner, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
- Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK), Co-Chair, Congressional Native American Caucus
- Rep. Deb Haaland (D-NM), Co-Chair, Congressional Native American Caucus
- Jefferson Keel, President, National Congress of American Indians
- Tara Katuk Mac Lean Sweeney, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs – U.S. Department of the Interior
- Rear Adm. Michael D. Weahkee, Director, Indian Health Service – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- Tracy Toulou, Director, Office of Tribal Justice – U.S. Department of Justice (invited)

We invite you to RSVP to: Katie Allen at katie.allen@mail.house.gov

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