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00:00:13.410 --> 00:00:14.670

Jennifer Gillissen, KAI: Can you hear me, Aaron.

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00:00:17.070 --> 00:00:20.820

Jennifer Gillissen, KAI: If I start this. Do you see a CC

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00:00:23.520 --> 00:00:23.940

Airam Gessner, KAI: Know,

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00:00:24.510 --> 00:00:30.720

Leonard Forsman: For here or ritual coordinator, Jennifer, thank you so much for putting this together. Here we go.

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00:00:31.230 --> 00:00:42.300

Jennifer Gillissen, KAI: Thank you so much. Good morning. Thank you for joining the 89 Meteor virtual conference. My name is Jennifer Gilson from Kaufman and associates and I will be your moderator today all phone and computer lines have been muted.

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Jennifer Gillissen, KAI: If you need technical assistance during the session please type, the issue into the chat box and one of our texts will respond to you. Please note that this session is being recorded. I will now turn this President Leonard forsman

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Leonard Forsman: Good morning everyone in the northwest. And thank you for joining us today and we'll

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Leonard Forsman: Try to get started here in a good way. And I've asked Jonathan George to go ahead and open up with a prayer, if he would do. So thank you so much.

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Jon George: Alright.

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00:01:18.630 --> 00:01:19.560

Jon George: Yeah, I'm unmuted.

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Jon George: Are softly tie you Allah

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Jon George: Our Creator Heavenly Father, we thank you for this day. You have given us. We thank you for this gathering of beautiful people today, even though our hearts are together, but our hands aren't but we know that we are all connected.

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Jon George: In in these ways today. We just ask that there's healing and

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00:01:49.980 --> 00:01:50.520

Jon George: Health

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Jon George: And also we want to say in our hearts togetherness to for each and every tribe here today, each organization each each individual

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00:02:04.260 --> 00:02:23.640

Jon George: Today we just ask a blessing upon each and every one and their families and their communities and their tribes, Lord, that you have your hand of protection upon each and every one. And as we gather today, you know and be able to be able to speak, you know from our hearts and from

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00:02:24.930 --> 00:02:34.680

Jon George: You know from our Our Ways that are so different today that you know we are we are a social people we love to gather. We love to hug. We love to

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00:02:35.370 --> 00:02:47.670

Jon George: You know know things. But we know that in our hearts we are doing that, you know, so today we just ask a blessing upon each and every one each of our tribes.

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00:02:48.270 --> 00:02:59.160

Jon George: In their people this leadership on from at and I and to all the tribal leader ships that are here today, listening to that as we stay strong.

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00:02:59.790 --> 00:03:15.540

Jon George: As we stay vigilant and also to know that we are a Brazilian people that through this and through your hand upon this, Lord, that we will get through this. We will save our lives but but we also

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00:03:16.590 --> 00:03:33.000

Jon George: For our prayers to for our last ones that we have to we have to lay to rest Lord debt we asked her the peace and comfort upon the families who have lost, lost stairs. We their loved ones and have to

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00:03:34.110 --> 00:03:42.270

Jon George: You know, in a way, sometimes that we're not there, even to say goodbye so that we know that with our heavy hearts.

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00:03:43.320 --> 00:03:44.370

Jon George: That we lift them up.

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00:03:46.020 --> 00:03:49.200

Jon George: And so through these days. We know that

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00:03:50.550 --> 00:03:57.390

Jon George: We look forward to the day, Lord, that we can all come together and celebrate. You know, to give hugs.

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00:03:58.500 --> 00:04:01.380

Jon George: You sing our songs to dance together.

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00:04:02.610 --> 00:04:25.710

Jon George: You know through these times, in order to know that that you have made us made a social people and that you have connected us through our through our culture's our traditions and through our spirits, Lord. So in this you just pray for good days to come, good words, you know, good information.

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00:04:27.150 --> 00:04:29.400

Jon George: In your name. Amen. Sorry.

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00:04:32.370 --> 00:04:32.820

Jon George: Sorry.

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00:04:35.010 --> 00:04:44.520

Leonard Forsman: THANK YOU, JOHN appreciate that. Okay. Um, once again, thank you everyone. I just like to note that I'd like to say, you know, a

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00:04:46.680 --> 00:04:53.610

Leonard Forsman: Word of honor and encouragement to our veterans and to our country into our respective nations as we probably would have had

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Leonard Forsman: Done that in a normal situation where we would have presented the color. So it's really acknowledge them and the singers that always help us.

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00:05:01.770 --> 00:05:15.630

Leonard Forsman: During our convention as well. And I know it's been hard for all of our cultural people moving forward because they haven't had that opportunity to gather so we continue, just to be village on and just put them in our hearts as well.

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00:05:17.340 --> 00:05:24.060

Leonard Forsman: So with that, I will turn it over to Secretary Jeannie Louis to do the real call

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00:05:25.440 --> 00:05:29.040

Jeanie Louie: Thank you, cuz display stem everyone. Good morning.

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00:05:30.750 --> 00:05:35.880

Jeanie Louie: We will begin the roll call with Confederate tribes have to hail this reservation.

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00:05:39.750 --> 00:05:43.560

Jeanie Louie: If you're president just say here or present

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00:05:46.290 --> 00:05:47.400
Jeanie Louie: Quarterly tribe.

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00:05:49.230 --> 00:05:49.860
Jeanie Louie: Here.

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00:05:51.750 --> 00:05:54.660
Jeanie Louie: Confederate tribes of Colville Reservation.

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00:05:59.970 --> 00:06:03.390
Jeanie Louie: federated tribes have cooled slower on plot. And so you

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00:06:07.650 --> 00:06:10.050
Jeanie Louie: Can federated tribes of grand Ron

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00:06:11.850 --> 00:06:12.420
Jon George: President

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00:06:16.170 --> 00:06:19.080
Jeanie Louie: Can federated tribes of select Indians.

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00:06:23.190 --> 00:06:26.130
Jeanie Louie: Confederate tribes of you Matilda Indians.

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00:06:30.750 --> 00:06:33.330
Jeanie Louie: Confederate tribes of Warm Springs.

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00:06:37.500 --> 00:06:40.350
Jeanie Louie: Confederate in tribes of young nation.

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00:06:47.370 --> 00:06:47.880
Jeanie Louie: Dry

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00:06:52.230 --> 00:06:53.130
Jeanie Louie: Creek band up

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00:06:58.500 --> 00:06:59.010
Jeanie Louie: Tribe.

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00:07:08.190 --> 00:07:08.820

Jeanie Louie: Tribe.

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00:07:13.980 --> 00:07:15.570

Jeanie Louie: Jamestown skull alum tribe.

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00:07:21.810 --> 00:07:23.130

Jeanie Louie: Kalispell tribe.

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00:07:26.250 --> 00:07:27.540

Leonard Forsman: Ron's on the chat.

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00:07:34.110 --> 00:07:38.700

Jeanie Louie: Jamestown was going to be on couldn't eat tribe of Idaho.

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00:07:43.800 --> 00:07:44.190

Jeanie Louie: Lower

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00:07:45.930 --> 00:07:46.440

Jeanie Louie: Tribe.

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00:07:50.940 --> 00:07:52.650

Jeanie Louie: Let me Indian nation.

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00:07:57.600 --> 00:07:58.050

Jeanie Louie: Dry

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00:07:58.410 --> 00:07:59.670

Leonard Forsman: German Solomon's in there.

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Leonard Forsman: Okay, you're

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Okay.

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Taylor Aalvik: With it folks are muted like they can't really say anything.

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00:08:13.200 --> 00:08:13.530

Leonard Forsman: Either

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00:08:14.160 --> 00:08:15.480

Leonard Forsman: But I think they might be muted.

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00:08:16.470 --> 00:08:17.010

Okay.

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00:08:20.400 --> 00:08:20.910

Jeanie Louie: Try

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00:08:21.960 --> 00:08:27.660

Jennifer Gillissen, KAI: To check the chat, the attendees are muted. So they're using the chat to say here.

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00:08:35.670 --> 00:08:39.510

Jeanie Louie: So chat shows 19 is that

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00:08:43.260 --> 00:08:50.340

Leonard Forsman: People are typing into the there's the panelists list and then people are typing in here on the chat. We've had mommy in Jamestown

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Leonard Forsman: Mommy.

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00:08:51.420 --> 00:08:52.590

Leonard Forsman: And then feel hard you

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00:08:52.740 --> 00:08:55.260

Leonard Forsman: Know hard you from Cal its weight in as well.

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Leonard Forsman: Take our time on

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Jeanie Louie: Ok Ok I got kelut Jamestown

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Jeanie Louie: Let me

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00:09:23.370 --> 00:09:25.590

Jeanie Louie: Call my tribe.

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Jeanie Louie: Maybe you can help me out. Jennifer, if they

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00:09:35.790 --> 00:09:36.660

Jeanie Louie: Are in the chat.

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00:09:39.360 --> 00:09:39.810

Jeanie Louie: Tribe.

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00:09:50.550 --> 00:09:51.030

Jeanie Louie: Tribe.

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00:09:52.920 --> 00:09:53.970

Terri Parr: Their presence.

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00:09:54.870 --> 00:09:55.740

Terri Parr: There answering

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00:09:56.310 --> 00:09:56.820

Okay.

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Terri Parr: Didn't any did

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00:09:59.760 --> 00:10:00.930

Terri Parr: Did you get cow Creek.

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00:10:01.770 --> 00:10:02.760

Jeanie Louie: Cow Creek.

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00:10:04.260 --> 00:10:04.740

Jeanie Louie: No.

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00:10:05.340 --> 00:10:07.020

Terri Parr: Okay, they're answering in the chat.

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00:10:08.160 --> 00:10:10.350

Leonard Forsman: Here you go ahead monitor the chat for us to her and

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00:10:10.350 --> 00:10:11.160

Terri Parr: Said okay

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00:10:13.290 --> 00:10:14.580

Jeanie Louie: Miss quality tribe.

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00:10:23.220 --> 00:10:24.090

Jeanie Louie: Indian tribe.

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00:10:32.160 --> 00:10:34.830

Jeanie Louie: Organized village of cake.

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00:10:44.880 --> 00:10:46.410

Jeanie Louie: Gamble's tribe.

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00:10:55.560 --> 00:10:56.040

Jeanie Louie: Tribe.

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00:11:10.920 --> 00:11:11.460

Jeanie Louie: Tribe.

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00:11:18.690 --> 00:11:19.710

Jeanie Louie: Indian nation.

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00:11:27.660 --> 00:11:29.520

Jeanie Louie: Sami Indian nation.

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00:11:36.780 --> 00:11:37.260

Jeanie Louie: Tribe.

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00:11:45.270 --> 00:11:45.780

Jeanie Louie: Tribe.

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00:11:54.990 --> 00:11:57.870

Jeanie Louie: Shawnee tribes of Death Valley.

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00:12:06.780 --> 00:12:07.560

Jeanie Louie: Meet Dr.

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00:12:14.850 --> 00:12:16.230

Jeanie Louie: Spokane tribe.

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00:12:26.520 --> 00:12:28.230

Jeanie Louie: squats and island tribe.

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00:12:37.980 --> 00:12:39.090

Jeanie Louie: Squamish tribe.

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00:12:40.980 --> 00:12:41.370

Leonard Forsman: Rosa.

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00:12:46.710 --> 00:12:48.990

Jeanie Louie: When image Indian tribal community.

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00:12:57.780 --> 00:13:01.140

Jeanie Louie: Central Council putting it behind it Indian tribes.

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00:13:08.430 --> 00:13:09.150

Jeanie Louie: Tribes.

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00:13:09.660 --> 00:13:10.050

Work.

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00:13:13.980 --> 00:13:15.390

Jeanie Louie: first gadget tribes.

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Jeanie Louie: Should I go over it again, or do we

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00:13:38.700 --> 00:13:43.440

Jeanie Louie: With that the end of it in it. We have nine tribes present

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00:13:44.730 --> 00:13:45.390

Terri Parr: Yeah, go ahead.

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Leonard Forsman: Go ahead, Teri Jo.

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00:13:47.010 --> 00:13:49.170

Terri Parr: Still a GW Amish answer.

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00:13:50.790 --> 00:13:51.630

In the chat.

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00:13:52.650 --> 00:13:59.040

Terri Parr: Fun. He is registered. I don't know. Fun is on, but I know she was a quick I know fun registered

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00:14:05.880 --> 00:14:06.570

Terri Parr: Yes.

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00:14:10.920 --> 00:14:15.300

Leonard Forsman: Just look at it. Anticipate list. I don't know if anybody recognizes any other tribes by their first

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00:14:16.560 --> 00:14:19.440

Leonard Forsman: Attendees here that maybe couldn't get in

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00:14:21.690 --> 00:14:24.780

Taylor Aalvik: Say me maybe Leonard that you can just make an

announcement that

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00:14:25.890 --> 00:14:28.620

Taylor Aalvik: Haven't heard your name or or haven't responded yet but

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00:14:28.620 --> 00:14:31.200

Taylor Aalvik: To respond in the chat that your tracks here.

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00:14:31.770 --> 00:14:38.730

Leonard Forsman: If you represent a tribe today. Please put it in the chat so we can get a roll call finalized here.

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00:14:39.810 --> 00:14:40.620

Leonard Forsman: So we've got

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00:14:44.400 --> 00:14:46.740

Leonard Forsman: Can the attendees. See the participant list.

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00:14:48.300 --> 00:14:49.140

Terri Parr: I see bear

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00:14:50.700 --> 00:14:51.510

Terri Parr: Pardon me. Go ahead.

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00:14:52.260 --> 00:14:52.470

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00:14:54.270 --> 00:14:58.050

Jennifer Gillissen, KAI: Cannot see each other only the panelists can see who's there.

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00:15:01.980 --> 00:15:04.170

Leonard Forsman: We're still in warmish I counted 11

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00:15:05.310 --> 00:15:07.470

Jeanie Louie: Yes, and I counted. Awesome.

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00:15:07.920 --> 00:15:09.300

Leonard Forsman: Okay. Well, it seems to me like

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00:15:09.330 --> 00:15:09.720

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00:15:11.070 --> 00:15:15.450

Leonard Forsman: Attendees should be able to see who's in the room. Is there a way we can allow that.

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00:15:18.030 --> 00:15:20.640

Leonard Forsman: That's the best part of going to a conference to see who's there.

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00:15:22.470 --> 00:15:26.250

Jennifer Gillissen, KAI: Matt through this way, the way that we've got it set up right now.

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Terri Parr: Okay, we have participation from you. Matilda. We have participation from I

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00:15:34.980 --> 00:15:36.690

Terri Parr: Bear Alexander, who

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00:15:38.430 --> 00:15:39.750

Terri Parr: From Lincoln Haida

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00:15:56.580 --> 00:15:58.200

Jeanie Louie: So we're counting you mantilla

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00:15:59.220 --> 00:15:59.640

Terri Parr: Yeah.

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00:16:00.030 --> 00:16:00.840

Jeanie Louie: What you're saying

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00:16:01.380 --> 00:16:03.210

Jeanie Louie: Yeah, till it would be

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00:16:03.870 --> 00:16:05.670

Jeanie Louie: Well, and then, who was the other

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00:16:07.470 --> 00:16:08.310

Terri Parr: Plunkett Haida

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00:16:15.120 --> 00:16:28.860

Leonard Forsman: Just gonna go ahead and read off the panelists. I mean, the attendee list for announce people know who's here. Amber Schultz Emily Wilson April Dickinson bear Alexander Charles Anderson.

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00:16:30.060 --> 00:16:33.990

Leonard Forsman: Charles Jones at and I northwest cascade.

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00:16:35.310 --> 00:16:40.470

Leonard Forsman: Kareena a Kula crystal Sandoval today Wilson.

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00:16:41.550 --> 00:16:43.080

Leonard Forsman: Toby land dado

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00:16:44.130 --> 00:16:50.640

Leonard Forsman: He Lonnie Aaron and drop Jim woods Ken Johnston

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00:16:51.840 --> 00:16:52.590

Leonard Forsman: Vanish

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00:16:54.360 --> 00:16:54.990

Leonard Forsman: Larry

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00:16:56.550 --> 00:16:57.810

Leonard Forsman: Hope I lost it there.

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00:16:59.670 --> 00:17:00.120

We go.

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00:17:01.590 --> 00:17:15.900

Leonard Forsman: Little blue bars Solomon moaning grand jury Jamestown Lani may see it looks Lewis slummy P hard, you know, hard you that'd

be Phil Randy Selena Hansen.

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00:17:17.040 --> 00:17:19.560

Leonard Forsman: Su su or Tom deets.

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00:17:20.880 --> 00:17:25.170

Leonard Forsman: Tyler Anderson Ron Allen went on a Wilson.

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00:17:29.550 --> 00:17:33.960

Leonard Forsman: Okay, so what, how close. How high is our number now.

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00:17:35.730 --> 00:17:36.360

Jeanie Louie: 13

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00:17:36.960 --> 00:17:37.350

Okay.

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00:17:39.330 --> 00:17:42.120

Leonard Forsman: Let's go with that we can add to it as people join in.

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00:17:44.610 --> 00:17:51.540

Leonard Forsman: So I'm not sure if that's the quorum or not, but the board can take any action, since we have a quorum of the we haven't done the board yet.

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00:17:52.290 --> 00:17:55.560

Jeanie Louie: Yes. Is that the form would be 12

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00:17:56.040 --> 00:17:57.690

Leonard Forsman: Oh, okay. So we do have a quarterly

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00:17:57.870 --> 00:17:59.130

Jeanie Louie: Yes. Awesome.

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00:18:00.060 --> 00:18:00.540

Good.

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00:18:02.730 --> 00:18:03.900
Leonard Forsman: Now, the Executive Board.

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00:18:11.040 --> 00:18:14.760
Jeanie Louie: A executive board Leonard forsman president

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00:18:16.320 --> 00:18:16.890
Leonard Forsman: President

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00:18:17.520 --> 00:18:19.710
Jeanie Louie: Male Sheldon first vice president

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00:18:19.950 --> 00:18:20.250
Well,

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00:18:21.510 --> 00:18:24.060
Jeanie Louie: Y'all know so loose skin. Second, Vice President.

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00:18:24.570 --> 00:18:32.430
Terri Parr: Donald was unable to be with us today. He had an emergency add that they're having to pay attention to Dan at Yakima he let me know this morning.

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00:18:33.450 --> 00:18:34.770
Jeanie Louie: Okay, thank you.

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00:18:35.550 --> 00:18:36.570
Jeanie Louie: John George

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00:18:36.690 --> 00:18:37.920
Jeanie Louie: Third, Vice President.

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00:18:39.180 --> 00:18:39.690
Jon George: Frozen.

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00:18:41.250 --> 00:18:45.930
Jeanie Louie: Norma Jean Louis secretary here Taylor.

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00:18:45.960 --> 00:18:47.790
Jeanie Louie: elphick Assistant Secretary

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00:18:48.600 --> 00:18:49.050
For

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00:18:50.670 --> 00:18:51.870
Jeanie Louie: Gowdy treasure.

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00:18:52.500 --> 00:18:52.860
Here.

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00:18:54.450 --> 00:18:59.490
Jeanie Louie: And with that, we do have a warm person six members.

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00:19:05.070 --> 00:19:16.680
Leonard Forsman: Okay, thank you. Jeannie for that and I'll turn it over to our treasurer Sharon Gowdy yeah combination for the Treasurer's Report a financial report.

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00:19:21.630 --> 00:19:23.070
sharon goudy: James, are you going to put the

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00:19:24.930 --> 00:19:26.910
sharon goudy: Are you gonna put the record on the screen.

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00:19:31.350 --> 00:19:32.250
sharon goudy: Hello. Can you hear me.

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00:19:35.370 --> 00:19:37.050
Jennifer Gillissen, KAI: We can hear you, James, are you

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00:19:40.770 --> 00:19:42.570
sharon goudy: Are you putting the report on the screen.

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00:19:54.150 --> 00:19:59.820
sharon goudy: Well, I know this isn't an ideal situation to share the financials, but I'll just dispense with reading

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00:20:01.500 --> 00:20:11.370

sharon goudy: Going in grouping them into sections here for you. The profit and loss of by total done make January to May of 2020

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00:20:12.450 --> 00:20:13.320

sharon goudy: We had

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00:20:14.880 --> 00:20:16.320

sharon goudy: ordinary income.

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00:20:17.610 --> 00:20:36.840

sharon goudy: We, the income of course this you understand, we are not just administrative but it comes from all the various contracts and grants at 18 I parent administers we had ordinary income come in total income of \$724,042 and 72 cents.

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00:20:37.890 --> 00:20:41.250

sharon goudy: There's the cost of goods sold total

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00:20:43.470 --> 00:20:50.700

sharon goudy: For gross profit of 718,000 \$761 and 70 cents.

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00:20:51.720 --> 00:20:54.510

sharon goudy: On expenses. We had a total

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00:20:55.650 --> 00:20:57.180

sharon goudy: Oh, there you go. Okay, thank you.

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00:20:58.290 --> 00:21:02.250

sharon goudy: You're going to the balance sheet. First, I was on the profit and loss. I'll switch to the balance sheet.

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00:21:03.630 --> 00:21:11.010

sharon goudy: Okay, the balance sheet. Okay, there's where I was. I read you the figures of our

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00:21:13.110 --> 00:21:14.460

sharon goudy: We get to the balance sheet.

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00:21:24.510 --> 00:21:27.210

sharon goudy: Okay assets we have total

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00:21:28.800 --> 00:21:38.550

sharon goudy: Assets our current assets are 1,000,170 \$2,000 182 14 cents.

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00:21:40.830 --> 00:21:41.640

sharon goudy: And

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00:21:42.780 --> 00:22:12.570

sharon goudy: Into our fixed assets that was total current assets total fixed assets \$21,537 and 33 cents other assets total \$3,557 and 32 cents for total assets equaling \$1,197,276 and 79 cents for liabilities and equity.

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00:22:13.650 --> 00:22:15.030

sharon goudy: We have a

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00:22:16.410 --> 00:22:19.800

sharon goudy: Total current liabilities of

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00:22:20.880 --> 00:22:26.760

sharon goudy: \$1,600 and 94 cents total liabilities is is the same.

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00:22:28.860 --> 00:22:29.670

sharon goudy: And

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00:22:31.500 --> 00:22:32.010

sharon goudy: Keep going.

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00:22:41.730 --> 00:22:44.040

sharon goudy: So total liabilities was the same.

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00:22:47.580 --> 00:22:51.660

sharon goudy: And then the equity page we have total equity.

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sharon goudy: \$1,195,675 and 85 cents for total liabilities and equity
1,000,190 \$7,276 and 79 cents, which is in balance with with the above

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sharon goudy: That's your balance sheet when our return to the profit
and loss.

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sharon goudy: The profit and loss. We had a total income of 720 \$4,042
and 72 cents cost of goods sold.

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sharon goudy: \$5,281 and two cents for a gross profit that reflects
718,000 \$761 and 70 cents expenses.

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sharon goudy: We go down to total expenses.

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sharon goudy: You can see there's those are itemized

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sharon goudy: Trying to get to the bottom line here for you.

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sharon goudy: total expenses were \$590,182 and 33 cents or net
ordinary income of 120 8005 7937 other expenses that

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sharon goudy: Will be responded to, although it says asked my
accountant a negative

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sharon goudy: 3186 40

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sharon goudy: And

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sharon goudy: So total expenses.

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sharon goudy: Net income final net income of 120 5392 97

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sharon goudy: Now I'm going to discuss briefly think thanks to Terry, she's provided me some information that's more detailed about this report, we've switched accountants during this last month.

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sharon goudy: It's the same firm just a different accountant. The other one has moved on.

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sharon goudy: And so the highlights of this report for your information, our overall budget has remained healthy during the pandemic.

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sharon goudy: He and I applied for and received chairs act PPP funds.

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sharon goudy: The maintain the solid reserve developed and maintained a solid research and certain budget line items have gone understand such as travel and meeting expenses.

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sharon goudy: And as I had mentioned at night, this time is transition transitioning from one account to another. It's the same firm but I knew CTA and the person is at this time, you know, experiencing the learning curve to look at our books and see how our books. I kept and put those stickier star.

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sharon goudy: So with all of that in mind, there will be a more detailed report in the fall, one that you'll have hopefully have a copy of as well in in a regular book that we have for keeping our fingers crossed. We're going to have a fall conference.

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sharon goudy: So that concludes the Treasurer's Report, Mr. Chairman.

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Leonard Forsman: Thank you. Any questions.

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Leonard Forsman: If you have any questions, that sounds like you'll have to

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Leonard Forsman: Do it in the chat. We do have a motion from Jamestown to approve a second from Lemmy

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Leonard Forsman: So with that,

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Leonard Forsman: We, is there any discussion on the motion.

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Leonard Forsman: I think that's a question for

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Leonard Forsman: Us to think about how we vote on these motions, I guess.

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Leonard Forsman: People this vote in the chat is how we're going to handle it, Jennifer.

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Melvin R Sheldon: Okay.

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Leonard Forsman: All right, is there any more. Any discussion on it.

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Leonard Forsman: Terry. Any thoughts about what

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Leonard Forsman: How, how the health at and I finances of, you know,

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Leonard Forsman: Perform during this pandemic. I mean, the fact is, is that we don't have our usual income streams, but we also don't have some of the expense streams that maybe we've had in the past. So I don't know if you have any comments before we move to to take the boat.

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Terri Parr: Well as

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Terri Parr: As Sharon mentioned, we don't have some of the expenses, but we were, we feel like we're in a good place with receiving the PPP

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Terri Parr: And then as some of our line items going understand, you know, we're not traveling so that is not being spent. However, we will

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Terri Parr: Because this is only our second convention. The winter convention we received the registration.

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Terri Parr: From income from that convention we will not be receiving the same amount of

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Terri Parr: Revenue from this particular convention we have a lot more people register that are on participating today about because it was a virtual event we James's kind of looked into and research.

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Terri Parr: The registration fees from virtual events. And so, in accordance with

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Terri Parr: Industry. We've lowered ours as well. And so we will take

a hit there. But of course that's not going to show till later on.

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Terri Parr: In the year

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Terri Parr: But that's where we stand right now.

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Leonard Forsman: Okay, so with that there are more comments, the question all its favor say aye.

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Leonard Forsman: Aye, and

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Leonard Forsman: If there's

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No objections.

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Leonard Forsman: We will go ahead and

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Leonard Forsman: Pass the Finance Report. Thank you Sharon, there is a question.

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Leonard Forsman: In the chat.

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Leonard Forsman: Tribes can use code 19 to cover typical fees and do is do the loss of income do the crisis.

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Leonard Forsman: So I think that

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Leonard Forsman: Ron suggesting is something that Ron's brought up before, which I think is a good point that we can support our

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Leonard Forsman: Inner travel organizations is allowable expense.

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Leonard Forsman: At least in our opinion.

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Leonard Forsman: For supporting the inner travel organizations so

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Leonard Forsman: When you're budgeting that keep it at and I in mind, please.

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Leonard Forsman: Alright, well thank you for all the roll call and

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Leonard Forsman: Financial Report, and this is a opening here for some the state of at. And I think we've all been seriously engaged in

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Leonard Forsman: Adapting adapting to this.

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Leonard Forsman: coven 19 pandemic.

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Leonard Forsman: 2020 was going to be important year anyway. But this is even made this year even more historic and challenging than we expected.

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Leonard Forsman: So I'm part of the state of at and i i think that our ability to be resilient.

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Leonard Forsman: Has been demonstrated through the participation of the leadership of the Northwest in the national discussion regarding the pandemic.

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Leonard Forsman: Response. So I just like to thank everyone for the Northwest for being so active and a lot of the calls that we've been on with Treasury and

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Leonard Forsman: Also with

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Leonard Forsman: our respective states and then also with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Portland area office has been holding calls and

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Leonard Forsman: I know that a lot of folks have been on those calls and those have been very helpful.

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Leonard Forsman: Some regional perspective.

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Leonard Forsman: I wasn't able to get on there. As much as I'd like to, but the ones that I was on were very helpful and like to appreciate the VA for putting those calls together.

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Leonard Forsman: And keeping us informed.

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Leonard Forsman: Of course, when the cares that came through.

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Leonard Forsman: The Congress was able to put in

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Leonard Forsman: A pretty big.

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Leonard Forsman: Acknowledgement of the tribes.

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Leonard Forsman: Role and position within

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Leonard Forsman: The nation as regional economies and also a sovereign governments with

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Leonard Forsman: You know, sacred and solemn duties and trust responsibility that goes both ways between us and the United States and that was reflected in \$8 billion that was put into the cares act in addition to all the other funding that was put into

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Leonard Forsman: Travel budgets for health and for housing and for our other duty or other contracts and it's been interesting because the White House has been saying this is the biggest investment ever in the history of

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Leonard Forsman: United States in Indian country and you got nine months to spend it. So I didn't feel that that was sorry I had to throw that in there.

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Leonard Forsman: That was very useful. And we've heard the history on that, that the Congress were the ones that put the money in and we've had some pushback from the White House on that. I don't think they were too interested in investing in any country.

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Leonard Forsman: But we've done it. And I think there's work to be done on that.

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Leonard Forsman: As we move forward and hopefully be hearing a little

bit more about that from our

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Leonard Forsman: Representatives that will have on the agenda today.

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Leonard Forsman: I think

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Leonard Forsman: That you know the cares Act has demonstrated how important it is for our for northwest.

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Leonard Forsman: Tried to stay engaged. We've been engaged in

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Leonard Forsman: Engage with with Congress. Number one, and I think we've demonstrated a great relationship with them on a bipartisan basis we have friends on both sides of the

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Leonard Forsman: And then also you know obviously with Treasury I'm engaging with the White House and the administration.

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Leonard Forsman: In that the best that we can. I still believe that

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Leonard Forsman: You know the

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Leonard Forsman: Prior to the care Zach We weren't getting up much of an investment by the White House in Indian country as far as time and access, but we have had that more in the phone calls in the

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Leonard Forsman: Beginning. However, I think that there needs to be more outreach and more consultation through the White House Council and the American Affairs, which is now at least has an employee. Again, I haven't heard a whole lot about how

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sharon goudy: That's gonna

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Leonard Forsman: Play out but maybe we'll hear more about that later. And what's also been interesting is the courts and how the courts have been an even involved in the cares act as we know with the issue that Nasca Native corporations.

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Leonard Forsman: In that discussion. So these are three you know branches of government that are so important to our

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Leonard Forsman: Ability to govern ourselves and to fulfill our perspective missions. So we need to stay engaged with that.

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Leonard Forsman: The Supreme Court so far has been relatively

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Leonard Forsman: I guess neutral on Indian issues and that's been good, but we still have to be very careful how we approached the Supreme Court.

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Leonard Forsman: So we've also on top of this, this year, of course, we're all been very engaged and aware of the issue of

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Leonard Forsman: Bias policing and racial inequity, something that we've suffered, of course, since first contact and a lot of us have been engaged in trying to

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Leonard Forsman: educate our respective local governments and and also

participate in the opportunities for us to bring our story forward as well.

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Leonard Forsman: To the Black Lives Matter movement. And I think many of us have been asked to weigh in on this and we all, most of us all have police and courts of our own that sometimes we struggle with. But we try to educate our police on on that and

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Leonard Forsman: On trying to be

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Leonard Forsman: Fair and unbiased as possible. And we see that that doesn't necessarily happen in the neighboring police departments.

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Leonard Forsman: So I see an opportunity for us to support that movement and also

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Leonard Forsman: You know, address the those issues.

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Leonard Forsman: And I think about that quite often, as we've had issues here locally.

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Leonard Forsman: And we're coming up on Friday with the anniversary of the shooting of stone child cheese stick which has created a lot of

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Leonard Forsman: Anxiety on our reservation.

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Leonard Forsman: And with our community because he was did live here in our community and feel that was justified homicide.

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Leonard Forsman: And the county didn't persecuted. So we're hoping

that other

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Leonard Forsman: Take that out, continue to work really hard on to deal with.

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Leonard Forsman: This inherent bias that occurs with a lot of institutions that we deal with.

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Leonard Forsman: I just also wanted to talk a little bit about mental health and the fact that that's important thing that I think that we have to continue to invest in. We've been investing in that we are, as we've been

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Leonard Forsman: Unable to socialize.

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Leonard Forsman: That's been a problem and continues to be something we have to think about ways of improving opportunities for us to gather

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Leonard Forsman: And provide that spiritual cultural nourishment that our people so much rely upon

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Leonard Forsman: And we need to continue to think about ways that we can preserve our culture within this environment. So more opportunity for us to discuss that I have been engaged with a lot of cultural preservation issues continuing through the advisory council and start preservation

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Leonard Forsman: And we hope that we can continue to

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Leonard Forsman: Work really hard because not only do we have the. Do we have just the regulatory environment that's affecting

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Leonard Forsman: Our ability to protect our Treaty resources through the EPA and the actions that they've been taking and also affecting how cultural resources are protected. So it's continues to be

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Leonard Forsman: Difficult battle.

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Leonard Forsman: Oh, I'm just looking forward to this year, of course, the census is extremely important. And, you know, more challenging than usual. So just really encourage everybody to get the message out on the 2020 census and getting everybody counted

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Leonard Forsman: And then

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Leonard Forsman: I think that we need to really push back on some of the things that we're seeing in the Department of Interior.

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Leonard Forsman: On some of the decisions they're making

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Leonard Forsman: Regarding states and counties having veto power over feat of trust and and what's happened that the three affiliated tribes with the Missouri River hearing about that. And then also the border wall and how its destroying the sacred lands and turn them on or we continue to have a

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Leonard Forsman: Difficult time with that. And this seems contrary to what you know, United States talks a lot about a lot of the people.

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Leonard Forsman: Talk about the importance of making America great or whatever that slogan is and understanding where the most you know the narrow American Indian people are America and

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Leonard Forsman: preserving our history and culture is paramount to the survival, the United States as a country. So we need to keep that in mind as people talk about

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Leonard Forsman: You know, going backwards. I believe in the 2012 election, we need to have people are looking forward

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Leonard Forsman: Because, you know, I think that the Make America great again means something different to American Indian people and people of color.

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Leonard Forsman: And mix means going backwards on civil rights is going backwards or respecting our travel government's ability to self govern and it's going backwards on

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Leonard Forsman: A lot of the gains that we've made. So this, my hands are up to everybody in the in the

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Leonard Forsman: On the screen and in the chat and appreciate all your hard work.

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Leonard Forsman: As we move forward and look forward to hearing and having some robust conversations and

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Leonard Forsman: Committee and the committee work and thank the Executive Board and the staff for everything they've been doing to keep these things going

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Leonard Forsman: We've been meeting frequently as an executive board, especially the first few months after the coven pandemic hit and we've been able to make a lot of progress and appreciate all the tribal leaders had been engaged with us and those executive board weekly

meetings.

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Leonard Forsman: That we were having there at the beginning. So once again thank you on behalf of 89 Squamish tribe and look forward to hearing more from everyone. So with that, I'll conclude Terry, I want to go ahead and hand it over to you to

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Leonard Forsman: Maybe

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Leonard Forsman: Guess what we have in front of us and also let you know that Josh costs that he would be willing to attention. You know, when in the trust.

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Presentation.

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Leonard Forsman: And you may want to, you may have other agenda updates as well. So once again, thank you.

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Terri Parr: Okay thanks to Josh for being able to step in. For Wilson there.

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Terri Parr: Good morning everyone and thank you for being with us today. I just wanted to share some of the things that have been going on at at night during this pandemic. These pandemic days.

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Terri Parr: First of all, we moved our office and we only went a few blocks down the street, but we didn't move and

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Terri Parr: We're looking forward to

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Terri Parr: Our, our financial outlook as this property. Well, we have not made the decision. This property is we have an option to buy. So the Executive Board will be looking at that down the road. But we did move we sent out Elaine sent out

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Terri Parr: Cards to everyone with our new address to all the tribes. She sent to out. She said that one to the tribal council and one to accounting. So you should have received those in May, but

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Terri Parr: And a big, big huge thank you to Elaine, because we were. I was not in Portland, and they were she and James didn't move. But Elaine coordinated it on her own. She had to move it, nobody was there. She had we had a company come in and do the movie, but she was

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Terri Parr: Had to direct that. And so a huge thank you to you laid for doing that.

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Terri Parr: And as a

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Terri Parr: Sharon commented, we did apply for and received the PPP funding through the cares act so we were happy about that.

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Terri Parr: We were very fortunate that our bank actually got in touch with us and said, Hey, let's move on this very, very quickly. And so the first round of PPP went very quickly. But we were in that first round.

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Terri Parr: Because our because of the how quickly our bank active with us. So we were happy with that relationship.

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Terri Parr: And we tried. We tried to get information out during this coven time and conduct weekly calls and with different speakers, providing information to to you all. So I know

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Terri Parr: It was very fluid in that some, you know, some weeks certain some tribal leaders would be on the next week, other leaders would be on. So we thank you for participating in those as well and

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Terri Parr: As you know, we've really had to

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Terri Parr: Look at how we were going to refocus our efforts in pulling together a convention and James worked very hard. We it took us a while to locate a

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Terri Parr: Native American contractor to do this. So as Jennifer mentioned earlier. She works for Kaufman and Associates.

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Terri Parr: Which is a native own business and it's located in Spokane. And so we're happy to be working with them and but there's a, you know, we are used to putting together an

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Terri Parr: In person convention with a tremendous amount of details, but we have learned a tremendous amount of new details and trying to pull this convention together so big thank you to James

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Terri Parr: He James this one man show and he worked

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Terri Parr: diligently to with Kaufman and associates with Jennifer on trying to pull this together.

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Terri Parr: Also thank you to Joel supported us in all these efforts. So thank you to Joel as well.

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Terri Parr: But

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Terri Parr: We're looking. We're in talking with chat halos right now to heal us was going to post the fall convention and we'll be talking with them as to how we will proceed what how they would like to proceed next year, given that we are

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Terri Parr: Realizing a new normal. At that point in time we were supposed to be the conducting our mid year convention at select and select has agreed to host the mid year in 2021 should we go live at that point in time. So we'll be playing it by ear and going, day by day, so

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Terri Parr: With that, I appreciate

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Terri Parr: All the understanding from the tribes. I've had tribes, contact me contacting me about different information that we've provided in the

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Terri Parr: Tuesday morning phone calls and we have tried to get information and get it out to you. So thank you for touching base with us and

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Terri Parr: That's it for right now.

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Leonard Forsman: Thank you so

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Leonard Forsman: Terry. Thanks for that, as far as the rest of the agenda.

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Leonard Forsman: Is concerned. Do you have any updates here.

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Leonard Forsman: Or do we have everybody on board.

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Terri Parr: To the best of my knowledge, everybody will be on board.

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Terri Parr: There will be an additional speaker with Nicole Elliott's that's just if thing, you know, the we don't stay on track with the agenda, but she has someone who has joined her

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Terri Parr: Chairman of the health board Nick Lewis Nick will be joining Laura. It's my understanding and other than that. Yes.

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Leonard Forsman: Okay so Brian's here.

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Leonard Forsman: Oh, there he is. Hey Brian Okay.

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Leonard Forsman: Hello, Brian. Good, good.

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Leonard Forsman: Morning, or afternoon to you are you are you on what Pacific time

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Brian Gunn: Yeah, I'm actually on Pacific time so

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Brian Gunn: Good to see everybody

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Brian Gunn: I think I think maybe James might be able to put the the PowerPoint up

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Brian Gunn: There it is.

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Brian Gunn: James, can I remote into control this or

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Brian Gunn: If not, that's okay.

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James Parker: We have

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James Parker: Jennifer Martinez.

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Brian Gunn: Jennifer, I'm sorry.

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Brian Gunn: Yeah, okay.

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Brian Gunn: I requested it. So here we go. Looks like it's working so well. Thanks everybody.

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Brian Gunn: I was just thinking this is a well, it's good to see everybody it's it's different circumstances than usual. But I appreciate the opportunity to be here again.

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Brian Gunn: Again, my name is Brian gun for folks who don't know me on the call. Glad to have Derek beat. So here, my old friend from NCI.

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Brian Gunn: Just kind of do an overview. My presentation is going to be kind of a legislative and policy update that I normally do, I believe, Derek is going to talk

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Brian Gunn: In some more detail about the care Zach litigation and the Supreme Court project. So with that, I'll just get started. So we are by the numbers here. Let me see if this works.

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Brian Gunn: Here we go.

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Brian Gunn: Just where we're at. By the numbers. It's a slide full of numbers, but we're in the second session of the hundred and 16th Congress

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Brian Gunn: And the way the margins lineup right about now are the democrats control the House of Representatives with the 233 two 197 margin.

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Brian Gunn: There have been a few changes since the last conference at least that I presented at in February, the winter session.

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Brian Gunn: There are four vacancies in the house and then one Republican Justin Amash from Michigan actually left the Republican Party to join the Libertarian Party. So he's an independent

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Brian Gunn: Republican republicans still maintain control the Senate with 53 seats to the democrats 47

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Brian Gunn: And the number of folks who have announced that they are not going to be seeking reelection to their house seats for various reasons, has increased.

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Brian Gunn: It's now 27 House Republicans and nine House Democrats have announced that they are essentially retiring from the house or seeking some other office.

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Brian Gunn: And again, Danny. Heck, our good friend from the state of Washington, he's running for Lieutenant Governor of the State Greg Walden. The long serving congressman from Eastern Oregon.

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Brian Gunn: Is retiring as well and that seat is typically we're generally expected to be a Republican heavily republican favorite seat in November.

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Brian Gunn: on the Senate side, there are three Senate Republicans and once in a Democrat. We're not seeking reelection and the Democrat is Tom Udall who has many most of you know is the vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian affairs. He's from New Mexico.

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Brian Gunn: You know goes without saying that covert has had a pretty substantial impact on Congress, most congressional offices, especially on the House side continue to work remotely.

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Brian Gunn: You know, the House passed a resolution on May 15 allowing most legislative business in the house to be conducted remotely through July 3 so through the end of this week. And that's meant they've actually had markups remote voting, you know, for house measures on the floor.

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Brian Gunn: And given the number of folks in the house. The 435, I guess. Warm Bodies, that would be there if there were in session.

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Brian Gunn: It probably makes a lot of sense for them to do that. The Senate has not filed or followed suit, though.

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Brian Gunn: They have not modified their rules, the Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is really known to be a traditionalist when it comes to those things and so none is really expected either. So this has been in session meeting.

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Brian Gunn: Not to say that all centers have been in DC, but the Senate has typically been meeting for a fairly significant portion of this quarantine period.

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Brian Gunn: And I think it also bears mentioned that for the remainder of the year Cove, it has affected Congress's legislative calendar.

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Brian Gunn: both chambers are in session about three weeks in July. So next month. And then you've got the August recess, which is, you know, again, though the traditional four week break

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Brian Gunn: So when you look at the house in the senate calendars for the rest of the year, there's about seven total weeks of work scheduled before the November elections.

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Brian Gunn: So, you know, they've essentially lost most of June and and may as well, which they would normally have to do appropriations work. So it's going to be a truncated schedule.

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Brian Gunn: To the next slide here.

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Brian Gunn: And just my

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Brian Gunn: Sort of take on what Congress's agenda through September. Looks like there's a handful of must pass bills that are expected to have action of some sort. By the end of this fiscal year.

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Brian Gunn: One is the National Defense Authorization Act that's being considered. ACTUALLY, THIS WEEK, THE HIGHWAY BILL. This is the fast act reauthorization. This is the the

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Brian Gunn: Annual are actually every four years exercise to

reauthorize the federal highway fund and other transportation programs is another big one.

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Brian Gunn: A smaller one, but yet still needs action is this National Flood Insurance Program, which will probably get reauthorize

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Brian Gunn: In in some kind of abbreviated form. There's also the 2021 appropriations which are marching forward the house intends to take care of most most of its measures.

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Brian Gunn: Next month in the Senate this schedule is a little bit up in the air.

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Brian Gunn: One of the other items that I'm expecting to see next month is I've mentioned this on one of the 18 I calls for a couple of them is the great American outdoor Zack. This is a

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Brian Gunn: Large bipartisan public lands bill that would permanently extend the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

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Brian Gunn: And interior and it would also establish this deferred maintenance fund that some of which would be used for the deferred backlog it Bureau of Indian education facilities. So again, house action is expected on that next month.

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Brian Gunn: And just switching over to some coven related bills that some which President for his minute talk to his talked about his introduction

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Brian Gunn: Obviously the cares act includes many, many tribal provisions that we're still some of what you're still working to implement or trying to

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Brian Gunn: You know, figure out how to how to allocate resources and funds for in one of the big ones. There's unemployment compensation. There's some provisions in there that

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Brian Gunn: authorize the feds to pay some of the share that many tribes oh four payments that are unemployment their state unemployment funds.

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Brian Gunn: As well as appropriations for IHS VI VI VI some significant funding in Fluxus and then the big one, as the President force and mentioned is the \$8 billion that tribes are allocated from the coronavirus Relief Fund, which is a heavily litigated fund is Derek will talk about

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Brian Gunn: May 15 the House passed a follow up measure that with a which they call the heroes at this is sort of

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Brian Gunn: Care Zach part two, if you will, that's intended to be an additional stimulus bill.

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Brian Gunn: This is an aggressive package. It's a \$3 trillion deal. It includes a variety of just extra funding similar to what was in the care, Zach, but would include 20 billion more for tribes and the coronavirus Relief Fund.

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Brian Gunn: As well as legislatively clarifying that those funds can only be used for federally recognized tribal governments in the travel list act and not Alaska Native corporations.

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Brian Gunn: I think this bill is really considered to be a marker for negotiations with the Senate.

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Brian Gunn: I mean, no one really expects it to pass its current form,

but it's intended to be sort of the houses initial proper for

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Brian Gunn: Veto new bill with the Senate. I think it will happen. Everyone seems to be expecting based on what the majority Majority Leader McConnell has stated that there will be a resolution of some sort. On

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Brian Gunn: This next package or if there will be one this month and McConnell has indicated he wants to see how things are going, wants to see how the funds appropriate by the cares active worked

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Brian Gunn: I personally feel that with many of the states that have reopen now having to re close and with the spikes in code cases in other in many States rather that that will provide some immediacy for something to happen next month, probably right before the August recess.

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Brian Gunn: Infrastructure, you know, this is something that it seems like everyone has talked about with different amounts of immediacy since the since the beginning of this Congress

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Brian Gunn: The House Democratic leadership about 10 days ago unveiled their, their version of an infrastructure bill, which is called the moving forward act.

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Brian Gunn: It's a one and a half trillion dollar plan that kind of cobbled together some of the big ticket items like the highway bill. The Water Resources Development Act as well. Some new provisions that one just very large package.

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Brian Gunn: There's some significant things and hit in this for Indian country there's a big health care component to this.

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Brian Gunn: I think we've seen this with the cares act and other just

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Brian Gunn: Sort of based on the the agenda items of various committees and what you've seen in the press that the healthcare sector has taken a real hit, not just Indian but not Indian

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Brian Gunn: You know, Congress has set forth a lot of money to provide relief to hospitals.

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Brian Gunn: And other health care providers who basically haven't really had much revenue because of their decrease in third party revenue in elective procedures so

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Brian Gunn: As part of the House bill the house infrastructure plan, there'd be 5 billion for IHS facility construction, which

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Brian Gunn: Would be very welcome, because that would be much more than enough to clear the existing priority list and then some

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Brian Gunn: So house passage on this is expected this week, I think, like the heroes Act, the Senate outlook is going to be on certain the White House is reportedly working on its own trillion dollar infrastructure package.

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Brian Gunn: You know President Trump has or the White House has indicated that that the democratic so moving forward act that they've threatened to veto because they they object to the certain provisions in the bill.

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Brian Gunn: With which just means that they probably have their own version of something that will hopefully see soon.

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Brian Gunn: Many believe, and I guess I fit this category as well that will see some sort of infrastructure type package and enacted before the November election. That's my

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Brian Gunn: That's my own, my own view. I just think that there's going to be a pent up

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Brian Gunn: Need to have that a lot of folks who are up for election are going to want something to show some kind of success. I think there's probably enough members that would support having

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Brian Gunn: An infusion of money for constituents in their district that I think makes infrastructure, more likely than not. And that's just what I think at this point we'll have to wait and see.

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Brian Gunn: Again, I won't talk about this very, very much detail but 2020 appropriations, the house is moving full, full speed ahead. The Senate outlook is less certain.

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Brian Gunn: Aside from the public witness hearings that the House interior Appropriations Subcommittee has in February, where the tribal leaders come in and talk about their priorities. Really the only

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Brian Gunn: Appropriation hearing related to Indian issues was an oversight hearing that the House had on IHS this response to coven

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Brian Gunn: A couple of weeks ago. And that was a really good hearing for folks who saw we Aki, you know, I thought gave some very thoughtful answers to IHS as plans and their response us

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Brian Gunn: But they are supposed to next week. Consider, you know, the house is supposed to consider its interior spending draft. So we'll know more than but

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Brian Gunn: You know, in all likelihood, because of the senate sort of questions about their schedule the Senate Appropriations. Chairman Richard Shelby from

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Brian Gunn: Alabama has mentioned his specifically stated that he thinks that the car may be necessary, which has been sort of par for the course the last few years.

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Brian Gunn: Just some Indian related bills that have been signed into law this Congress pretty short list, given where we're at in the in the calendar, but with code that I guess that's that's what you, what you end up with

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Brian Gunn: The list hasn't really changed since February, you've got the the those three bills that really are the only standalone Indian bills that have been signed into law. This for

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Brian Gunn: The Senate and House have actually taken action on standard on Indian bills. The Senate has passed a slew of things that are awaiting action in the house. There's the list. I think it's likely the House will send some of these to the President.

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Brian Gunn: Know, some of them are, you know, most of them are generally non controversial. There's some that have some wrinkles to them, but I think it's, it's likely that at some point one or more of these will either pass on their own or be wrapped into something larger

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Brian Gunn: And the same goes with the house.

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Brian Gunn: The House has taken action on some bills that are pending in the Senate. Many of these, I think in the big picture are probably much more controversial than what the Senate has passed. So I think it remains to be seen. What happens with these

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Brian Gunn: You know, I think it's fair to say that the noncontroversial house pass bills. They're often cleared towards the end of the year and a lame duck session. And again, I expect that to happen with the bills. I just had on the last two slides.

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Brian Gunn: Advice in uncertain times, well, you know, hopefully, we all get through this sooner rather than later. I guess I would say

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Brian Gunn: That I think the moving vehicles for Indian bills just given the truncated calendar will likely be some of these larger packages and I kind of see that being the trend for the rest of the year.

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Brian Gunn: Especially if the house continues to to vote remotely and there's a spike in ENCODE cases and especially if there becomes a big spike like in Virginia, or the DC suburbs.

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Brian Gunn: I think you're going to see people spending more time on trying to get standalone bills ready for inclusion and things that are larger

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Brian Gunn: And for this reason I think that their national and regional organizations are going to have, I think, a more significant role than usual and communicating what their priorities.

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Brian Gunn: Are as the committee's and the House and Senate, you know, try to figure out what to include in these larger bills.

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Brian Gunn: It goes to that saying that I think the impact of the

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Brian Gunn: Recent spike in Coburg cases will likely influence the

immediacy of Congress to act on, you know, a coven for package or infrastructure, or both. That just seems to me to be the way things have happened.

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Brian Gunn: And as I mentioned with the health facilities. I think there's going to be an opportunity to improve tribal health infrastructure, especially, there have been some discussions going on even before the House infrastructure bill was unveiled about sort of some bipartisan recognition.

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Brian Gunn: Bible health facilities are really some of the best investments in infrastructure that can be made in Indian country. So I think there might be opportunities for facilities construction.

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Brian Gunn: Maintenance and such through the rest of the year. So with that,

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Brian Gunn: appreciate everyone's time I have my obligatory Bronson slide. This is Bronson jet, my son swimming yesterday. He's having a good time and learning to swim in quarantine so

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Brian Gunn: If folks have questions, I'm happy to entertain them otherwise I'll just be I can can respond to them offline or however, but thanks Terry and thanks to executive board.

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Leonard Forsman: Thanks, Brian.

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Leonard Forsman: Is there any questions.

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Leonard Forsman: From the board or for in the chat. Yeah, I don't see anything in the chat yet.

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Leonard Forsman: I just, you know,

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Leonard Forsman: I don't know how much

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Leonard Forsman: Discussion. Apparently there hasn't been about the deficit and the national debt and all that. You don't seem to hear that mentioned much because I do get concerned about, you know, years ahead because obviously the bills are gonna have to get paid. And I just

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Leonard Forsman: Know they go after programs. First, usually in a Republican administration anyway. And they did cut taxes and now we're spending more money. So I just, I don't. It sounds like 2021 doesn't seem to be in the discussion, but I don't know if you guys heard anything

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Leonard Forsman: Offline on that.

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Brian Gunn: Not really. I mean what what I've heard is is is what you hear like on the Senate floor when they approve that America's Great Outdoors act.

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Brian Gunn: Recently, you know, the folks who voted against it were concerned about deficit deficit issues, but there tends to be the same kind of really conservative members who will raise that issue with anything.

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Brian Gunn: I mean, I tend to get concerned when you have really moderate folks who are raising those types of issues. I haven't really seen that yet, but I think you're right, it's going to be a valid concern, especially in the next few years if they look at doing reconciliation.

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Brian Gunn: And they get the senate flips and becomes in democratic

control, that's probably less likely. And I think it's more likely now than it was in February when we had the last conference, the Senate would be in play.

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Brian Gunn: But I haven't heard much about it other than the usual suspects.

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Leonard Forsman: Thank you, Brian, once again for your great presentation and

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Leonard Forsman: You're growing boy there as well.

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Brian Gunn: As growing he's grown like an inch and a half during quarantine.

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Leonard Forsman: So, yeah, yeah. That's awesome. Alright.

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Leonard Forsman: Moving on, we'll move on the NCI and Derek beat so

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Leonard Forsman: Good morning, Derek or good afternoon to you, I believe.

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Derrick NCAI: Good morning. I met actually work out of Phoenix so appreciate it all for you.

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Leonard Forsman: Well, good morning.

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Derrick NCAI: Yeah. Can you guys see my slides. Okay.

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Derrick NCAI: Okay. Well, good morning, everybody. My name is Derek did so I serve is general counsel for the National Congress of American Indians appreciate the invite.

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Derrick NCAI: To the board leadership of at night and Chairman Horseman. Today I'm going to talk about the travel Supreme Court project and give a little bit of litigation update

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Derrick NCAI: A FIRST ONE TO ALWAYS IN AND and always want to highlight nerves involvement in the travel Supreme Court project. It's AI and not for Co partners in this project. So I can't ever talk about the troubles for your core project without also giving a nod to our good friends at our

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Derrick NCAI: There's my name. There's my email address, there's trouble Supreme Court project is co staffed by myself and Joel West Williams, who's a narc senior staff attorney.

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Derrick NCAI: He works out of the Washington DC office I sit out of Phoenix. I usually work out of the ASU College of Law, but during this

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Derrick NCAI: current environment. I'm working out of my home. So thank you, and let's get started.

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Derrick NCAI: So brief overview for those of you who are not familiar with the project the travel Supreme Court project was established in 2001

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Derrick NCAI: With the Native American Rights fun as Laura would have it, it happened during 911

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Derrick NCAI: I think there was a group of tribal leaders that were meeting on 911 when that happened, and they ended up locked in the

basement for a number of hours.

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Derrick NCAI: And came up with this tribal sovereignty advancement initiative, which was a multi tiered initiative meant to improve sovereignty for Indian country.

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Derrick NCAI: And one of the aspects that came out of this was the travel Supreme Court project.

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Derrick NCAI: The goals of the project generally are to monitor cases in the state and federal appellate courts that could possibly END UP AT THE SUPREME COURT.

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Derrick NCAI: And so we're constantly monitoring Kate's cases that are in the State court or potentially in the

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Derrick NCAI: federal appellate court and a lot of those cases are in the Ninth Circuit and if I'm not mistaken, I believe all the 89 member tribes are in the Ninth Circuit.

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Derrick NCAI: There might be some spill over into another circuit. But I think the majority, if not all of them are in the Ninth Circuit. So a lot of this is

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Derrick NCAI: Is is good information to know for you all. And when appropriate, the project submit amicus briefs on behalf of tribal nations and travel organizations and also work with other attorneys and developing their materials for court advocacy.

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Derrick NCAI: So we're going to talk today about October 2019 term, this term as far as Indian law cases that the court has accepted for review is not that

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Derrick NCAI: Busy compared to the last term October 2018 term when we saw three tribal treaty cases review by the court. But it is still significant.

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Derrick NCAI: You'll know up there on top you see two cases. Both of them are out of Oklahoma. The bottom case sharp verse Murphy is actually one that was held over from October 2018 term.

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Derrick NCAI: And both of these cases have a similar fact pattern. They both deal with the Muskogee Creek reservation and whether or not by subsequent acts after that reservation with establish that the reservation was this establish which would make

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Derrick NCAI: That both of these individuals missing mcgirt Mr. Murphy are criminal defendants and both putting forward a criminal theory that the state doesn't have jurisdiction over them.

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Derrick NCAI: Because the underlying crimes that they committed happen within Indian country. So the question is, what is Indian country.

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Derrick NCAI: And whether or not the exterior boundaries of the Muskogee reservation still exists today as they did in the late 1800s, which would make them Indian country and make this

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Derrick NCAI: Federal jurisdiction. The state of State jurisdiction. So this is a big case that we've been watching for a number of years now and

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Derrick NCAI: Today was usually the last day that the Supreme Court issues opinions and their terms is in June.

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Derrick NCAI: We haven't spilled over into July in a number of years. But as, as luck would have it, I was on skill this blog com this

morning, seeing whether or not we're going to get a decision in this mcgirt verse Oklahoma case that we have not

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Derrick NCAI: So mcgirt verse, Oklahoma, along with about seven or eight other cases is going to push over into July. So we're still waiting for a decision on this.

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Derrick NCAI: Obviously, this has large implications. It's an underlying criminal jurisdiction case. But it's a larger case with respect to tribal lands and how those lands are viewed by the Supreme Court with respect to Indian country jurisdiction.

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Derrick NCAI: Another case that was granted search jewelry and hasn't had an oral argument scheduled yet but has traveled implications. It's not directly in India law case but the best travel implications is California, Texas.

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Derrick NCAI: This is the Affordable Care Act case the Affordable Care Act as email has been a litigation for a number of years. I think eight or nine years, to be specific.

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Derrick NCAI: And the Supreme Court had initially ruled that this individual mandate which is a question was constitutional because Congress has the authority to set taxes and so they do the individual mandate as attacks.

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Derrick NCAI: So fast forward to the beginning of this Congress. And what they did was they amended the individual mandate and made that

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Derrick NCAI: I guess penalty effectively zero. So, before it was a number. So it could be construed as a tax licenses zero, it's no longer Katrina's attacks.

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Derrick NCAI: And so it's reviewed again before the courts, you have a

number of states like Texas who feel like this should be struck down as unconstitutional.

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Derrick NCAI: And you have a number of states like California who think that this should not be struck down and it should be.

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Derrick NCAI: held up his constitutional. As you know, the Affordable Care Act and very broad mandate and it provides health care to a number of individuals throughout the United States.

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Derrick NCAI: And but wrapped up within the Affordable Care Act was a provision, the Indian Healthcare Improvement at which permanently authorized a number of Indian health services and benefits that

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Derrick NCAI: That help Indian tribes and individual Indians on a day to day basis. So NCI in a number of tribes and other organizations filed an amicus brief.

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Derrick NCAI: And urging that no matter what the Court does in this instance that they leave alone. The ending Healthcare Improvement Act as you see the Fifth Circuit.

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Derrick NCAI: Held that the Affordable Care Act was unconstitutional. And they also said to act as a whole was unconstitutional, which would effectively strike the Indian Healthcare Improvement Act. So now that this issue is before the Supreme Court.

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Derrick NCAI: One of the things that will be advocating for strongly is no matter whether or not the Supreme Court views this as constitutional or not constitutional

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Derrick NCAI: They should leave alone. The Indian Healthcare Improvement X section because that's totally separate and apart from the Affordable Care Act question. So it's one of the things that will

be watching moving forward.

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Derrick NCAI: So we have a couple several pending petitions that are before the Court.

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Derrick NCAI: We have Rogers County Board of tax roll corrections where it's video gaming technology. This is a Indian gaming regulatory at case and evolves. The Cherokee Nation and this video gaming technology MTC rents game with facilities or gaming.

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Derrick NCAI: Devices to the Cherokee Nation and they're opposing attack saying that it's basically preempted by the Indian gaming regulatory act.

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Derrick NCAI: We have FMC versus Shona Banda case where we're showing a Banach tribes. This is a Montana jurisdiction question you have a favorable decision from below, and it's being appeal by FMC who is basically in agreement in the contract with the tribe to pay

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Derrick NCAI: For land that they have basically turned into a superfund site within the reservation and they haven't paid that the since 2001 and they're busy consensus, they're no longer

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Derrick NCAI: Carrying out the activities that they don't own any more money, but you're still using the land as a superfund site. And so the tribe is basically saying that they

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Derrick NCAI: They owe money to try pat favorable decisions below. There's some jurisdictional questions. The, the lower court basic said the tribe had jurisdiction.

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Derrick NCAI: Based on both Montana exceptions. So there's a contractual relationship and and also significantly affects the health and welfare to tribe. So this is one that will be watching

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Derrick NCAI: As you see, I had a June 25 conference and and views of the Solicitor General were saw so basically the court as as the United States for their opinions on this particular case.

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Derrick NCAI: So we'll be following this as we go forward. There's another case called native wholesale supply company verse, California. This is one of those Indian Commerce Clause cases where you have

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Derrick NCAI: This NWS this native wholesale supply company that is incorporated under pilotto me Lawton Oklahoma, but it's headquartered with the Seneca Nation and they're also I'm

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Derrick NCAI: Purchasing cigarettes from Canada and distributed them to travel in California for retail sale. And of course, California has challenged that. And so what's before the Court is whether or not

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Derrick NCAI: This is a law legal under the Indian Commerce Clause authorities and then you have Terry verse, Oklahoma, which is a Murphy style case.

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Derrick NCAI: So the outset we talked about the Murphy Oklahoma case and how there's that question about whether or not a register your reservation has been established in Oklahoma and this case is very similar but involves the Cherokee Nation instead of the Muskogee Creek Nation.

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Derrick NCAI: So I'm going to go real quickly over cert denial lie these cases were before to court, they

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Derrick NCAI: Either the petitioner of these cases were asking the Court to take these up and review it because they had

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Derrick NCAI: Unfavorable decisions below. And so there's a number of cases here to deal with a whole host of issues sovereign immunity fee to trust.

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Derrick NCAI: Travel water rights tax issues and you have reservation status and the Indian Child Welfare Act.

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Derrick NCAI: In some cases they had the tribe that had very favorable decisions. And so it's very, very encouraging a cert was denied needs instances, because

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Derrick NCAI: They're a good law stands at the circuit court level one case I'd like to point out there's a Bally verse United States. That's a travel water rights case that involves the Klamath River.

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Derrick NCAI: And there's a dispute between other river water users that the United States government have withdrew amounts of water that they were using

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Derrick NCAI: To account for Endangered Species Act obligations and Federal Reserve water rights for Indian tribes and the Court upheld that as a reasonable

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Derrick NCAI: I guess withdrawal of water allocations for federal purposes. So that was one that was challenged to the Supreme Court, the Supreme Court denied cert. So the lower court holding

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Derrick NCAI: It's still good law. So that's a good decision for Indian country and there's several bills with respect to travel jurisdiction as well. You have spurred verse Pope

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Derrick NCAI: album album cache data traverse Texas, given the number of cases here to deal with criminal procedure to Clean Water Act.

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Derrick NCAI: I don't want to get into too much of the weeds on any of these unless you guys have questions at the end because I realized, you know, we're on a time schedule here I could talk about these all day.

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Derrick NCAI: One case that I didn't want to mention to you all is Cooley verse United States. This is the case that came out of the Ninth Circuit.

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Derrick NCAI: There was a petition for on bank renewal by the Department of Justice, which was denied and so DOJ subsequently filed for cert on June 19 which was a couple of weeks ago.

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Derrick NCAI: This is a law enforcement matter that takes place within the crow reservation, you had an individual and in a truck about 1am

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Derrick NCAI: tinted windows and you had a travel highway patrol officer that was passing in one direction.

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Derrick NCAI: His job was to kind of maintain kind of safety and welfare on that highway. It's a highway. That's a three way through the reservation. So it's when the within the reservation. He pulled behind a truck and the kind of a welfare check, he went up to the vehicle. He knocked

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Derrick NCAI: On the window, the window rolled down a little bit. He didn't really see much

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Derrick NCAI: So we asked the driver to roll down the window a little bit more, and he sees a couple semi automatic rifles and a vehicle and he sees a child, the individual doesn't look like in India, and he looks like a non Indian but that's never really clarify by the officer.

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Derrick NCAI: So subsequently the the

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Derrick NCAI: Individual gets into a conversation with this, with this officer and the officer says he had a blank stare his sons in his lap, and he looks like he's looking through his son's head.

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Derrick NCAI: And the opposite is experienced that meant that he's considering violent action. So the officer at that point withdraws has gone from his holster.

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Derrick NCAI: And asked the individual to show ID, at which point he complies. And at that point, that's considered a detainment under law and so

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Derrick NCAI: What ends up happening is Officer realizes that he is dealing with an individual who may maybe posing a threat to the community. And so he

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Derrick NCAI: Eventually performs a search, find another arm handgun, which was right beside the individual and is able to call for backup and get folks to arrive at the scene.

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Derrick NCAI: This individual ends up getting charged under federal law for violating narcotics for persistent methamphetamine with intent to distribute

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Derrick NCAI: And all that evidence gets kicked out because the Ninth Circuit basically says he's only duty as a travel officer was to obtain

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Derrick NCAI: Whether or not that person was an Indian or non Indian

so he could only be paying them for the amount of time it took to determine whether he was Indian or non Indian

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Derrick NCAI: And so the evidence was kicked out of court as you see this poses a lot of real problems on the ground and probably safety issues for our travel officers.

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Derrick NCAI: And there's a number of case law around this in the non Indian context, which is Fourth Amendment law.

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Derrick NCAI: The fourth amendment from individuals perspective protects your right from search and seizure. But there's case law that balances that right from the travel from any law enforcement officers right to

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Derrick NCAI: And duty to protect and serve the community and so that case law has been restricted with respect to Indian tribes.

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Derrick NCAI: They don't have the reasonable suspicion that's available to other law enforcement officers in similar circumstances.

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Derrick NCAI: They only have the right to see whether or not individuals in Indian or not. And so as you can see that creates a whole host of problems, including incentive for individuals to lie that tribal officers to get

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Derrick NCAI: Out of a situation where they're pulled over. So NCI and the Crow Tribe intend to file an amicus brief.

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Derrick NCAI: In support of the cert petition, that's going to be do some time towards a believe on July.

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Derrick NCAI: I want to say somewhere in the second week of July. We're going to be seeking signatories. I'm going to be reaching out to a tee and I and asking

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Derrick NCAI: At night to ask their tribes that they want to sign off to this amicus brief. This is a big issue. I think our brief, is going to focus on

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Derrick NCAI: Just the right for the Fourth Amendment and the laws around it to look the same in Indian country as it looks. Outside of Indian country.

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Derrick NCAI: And allow tribes that flexibility to do their jobs on the ground, and then we'll probably also explore the crow tribes treaty in their bad man Clausewitz basket basically allows Indian tribes to

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Derrick NCAI: to detain bad actors and then serve them up to the appropriate jurisdictions for prosecution that's been in the number of treaties, the Navajo Nation has a bad bank laws, I believe, to choke.

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Derrick NCAI: Crow Tribe has a Batman claws, but will be reaching out to you all with formal I guess request for participation that amicus brief. We look forward to working with you guys and I wanted to flag that here while I had you guys his attention.

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Derrick NCAI: It's case which I was asked to talk about is what I call it an octopus case because there's so many different arms and angles involved in this particular issue.

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Derrick NCAI: As you see up there on your screen. This cases can federated tribes at the reservation secretary malnutrition and missing balls that cares that funding that we were talking about earlier.

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Derrick NCAI: You know as at this point. And I think it's safe to say, it can be kept here you have 18 travel defendants. These include the Federated tribes of shameless reservation that to Layla tribes, the Hilton ban analyse Indians, the

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Derrick NCAI: Native community, the US stock code kuru kuru me. Our tribe, the value of community of St. Paul Island. The Navajo nation. The nation that you tribe.

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Derrick NCAI: The Pueblo of pickers at Valley Ranch area San Carlos Apache tribe, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. The Rosebud Sioux tribe, the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

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Derrick NCAI: That non doctrine tribal council in Alaska native village have been a tie, and the Arctic village Council.

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Derrick NCAI: Basically this case and false. What is in a travel government for purposes of title for the carrots act.

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Derrick NCAI: Title or codified, but the charismatic, excuse me pedophile or the carrot Zach is a title that set aside a billion dollars for tribal governments and instead aside a number of

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Derrick NCAI: Other funding for other governments like state and local governments and basically the distinction is based on terminology that was using the carousel, which I'll get to my next slide.

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Derrick NCAI: In short, on June 26 so last Friday we received the negative holding for the plane of tribes that basically said that

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Derrick NCAI: When Congress passed the carriers that they intended for that funding to also go to Alaska Native corporations which are state charter cooperations established ended Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

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Derrick NCAI: Right now we have emotion for injunction that's pending appeal for emotion for injection pending appeal. That's file with the DC district court yesterday so

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Derrick NCAI: If that gets granted. Then we'll probably seen another layer in this particular issue.

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Derrick NCAI: But if you're looking at a screen right now there's two particular definitions within that act that are really at play here. One is

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Derrick NCAI: What is an Indian tribe and and what is a tribal government. So that's how to five of the care side was meant to set aside \$8 billion for travel government, you'll see I bolted different

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Derrick NCAI: provisions within these definitions for an Indian Travis's in Indian tribe. This is the Indian self determination act definition.

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Derrick NCAI: Is any Indian tribe band nation or other organized group or community, including any Alaska native village or regional or village Corporation

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Derrick NCAI: As defined in or established pursuant to answer and then the bullet point which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided

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Derrick NCAI: By the United States to Indians because of their statuses Indians so that bullet point that I just read there has been deemed in this litigation as the eligibility clogs

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Derrick NCAI: And the arguments put forth by a number of places that this eligibility clause applies to each one of these entities equally.

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Derrick NCAI: So the Indian tribe, the band the nation and Alaska native village or regional or village corporation that all of these entities have to meet that clause, the eligibility clause in order to qualify as Indian tribes.

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Derrick NCAI: So you'll note that up between Alaska Native Villages between Richie regional ability corporations, only one of those entities and stable satisfy that clause because only one of those entities.

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Derrick NCAI: Is eligible for special programs and services because of their status as Indians. And that's the Alaska Native Villages. And so that's one of the key issues that's being litigated in this case.

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Derrick NCAI: In the negative ruling on Friday against the travel interest here, the judge basically said he denied the eligibility clauses in applicable to AMC and he did that for three reasons. One of the reasons is this

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Derrick NCAI: Idea of supply message. So basically he was saying, if, if, if the eligibility clauses deemed as applicable to a and sees what it basically says is that Congress put language in there.

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Derrick NCAI: Particularly the language of regional village corporations that is meaningless in Congress never puts language and statutes that are meaningless. This is called the supplier message doctrine.

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Derrick NCAI: And so basically, that was one of the reasons he held in favor of as he's in this case. Another reason was because of the statutory history.

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Derrick NCAI: That Congress explicitly included agencies within the new self determination Education Assistance Act. And then the third reason was based on agency in deference. So in this case, the Bureau of Indian Affairs had

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Derrick NCAI: communicated with Treasury that in their interpretation agencies were eligible for this funding. So for those three reasons the supplier says doctrine.

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Derrick NCAI: The legislative history and agency deference, the judge basically said that for purposes of care SEC funding agencies were eligible for an \$8 billion fund.

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Derrick NCAI: Now, it's important to note that in issuing his decision. He was very careful not to make it broader than the contours of this case.

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Derrick NCAI: So he was clear that, as these are not federally recognized Indian tribal governments, but Congress did intend for them to partake in this a billion dollar fund.

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Derrick NCAI: Alongside Indian tribal governments by use of these definitions. So then there's a second definition under the Act, which is travel government and as you see it almost

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Derrick NCAI: It uses that same term above so Indian tribe is defined as above, but it's the recognized governing body of an Indian tribe.

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Derrick NCAI: So the second tier of this litigation is this argument that deplane the tribes were putting forward that that term recognize and recognize governing body.

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Derrick NCAI: Is a term of art and federal Indian law that deals with

federally recognized tribes. So you can't look at recognized governing body without without also incorporating this whole body of law.

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Derrick NCAI: That deals with federally recognized tribes and entities. And so from that, you know, taking the two together. It was clear to Congress.

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Derrick NCAI: At least from the plane of tries perspective is clear to Congress intended that is funding go to recognize tribal governments within that definition of Indian tribe. And so that's been you know what's been litigated over the past month and a half.

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Derrick NCAI: I think right now the decision was issued without a stay, which means that technically Treasury could just decide to release the money.

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Derrick NCAI: Unless that that injunction. I mentioned earlier is granted. So we'll be watching to see whether or not the district court grants that injunction, which will basically

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Derrick NCAI: mandate that Treasury push pause on distributing the rest of the money to a MCS and would still hold that money in limbo until the appeal is is resolved at the next level.

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Derrick NCAI: So that's what we're waiting on I think we're talking about roughly I looked at a report. I'm going to credit Indians com i looked at a report that they did on this particular issue.

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Derrick NCAI: And they they ballpark estimate. It's about 530 \$3 million, which is currently being held right now for distribution to agencies.

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Derrick NCAI: It's unclear whether or not Treasury is intending to release that I know that that's been a big question. Because as I said

earlier, the judge to say that they couldn't initial in his order. So that's the other big issue. I wanted to talk about and

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Derrick NCAI: Once again, the Travis Supreme Court project is co staffed by myself and Joe Williams on our senior staff attorney and I'm also happy to answer any questions.

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Leonard Forsman: It's Derek. Thank you. There is a question from Ron Allen. Is there any clarification of this matter and here was act to avoid this conflict and stimulus for

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Derrick NCAI: I believe the hero Zach has a revised definition of Indian tribes and it includes I believe all federally recognized entities.

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Derrick NCAI: That are referencing the Indian list back. And so the Indian list act as you know is the is the list of federally recognized tribes and i don't i don't remember the exact specific language, but there is language into heroes act that would address this issue moving forward.

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Leonard Forsman: And is there.

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Leonard Forsman: Update on appeal the Appeal schedule. Again, I think you mentioned something and then we wanted your contact information slide back, let's back up.

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Leonard Forsman: So we go back to. Sure.

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Derrick NCAI: So with respect to the appeal. I think we're just staying put right now we're waiting to see what the judge issues. I know the courts.

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Derrick NCAI: The plane of tribes on Monday by the motion for injunction pending appeal that has to be acted on by the judge, and then we'll know more

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Derrick NCAI: If it's denied and technically Treasury can just take the money out and it's kind of moved it because there's no longer

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Derrick NCAI: Any remedy, because the money's out the door. There's no way to bring that money back in for an appeal. So that's kind of the issue here is just kind of a practical

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Derrick NCAI: Problems of the of the older on Friday, not having to stay attached to it. That would mandate the Treasury hold back on that funds a loop, allowing tracks to determine whether or not they wanted to appeal the decision.

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Leonard Forsman: Then

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Leonard Forsman: Percentage reserve the and sees is 3% 3.3% or do we have a number there.

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Derrick NCAI: Um, you know, I have to have to go back and look at it. According to the Indians com article and age that might be a route route. Right. I want to say five or 6% somewhere, somewhere in that ballpark. Three. Three to five somewhere around there.

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Leonard Forsman: I think it's about 7% Korea my rough math.

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Leonard Forsman: Is yeah and

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Derrick NCAI: Math was not my strong suit. But I'll take i think i

think you're right. I think six seven or something that figures out to be

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Leonard Forsman: In

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Leonard Forsman: Somebody's got a calculator out there. I'm sure we'll get the number

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Leonard Forsman: Then I don't know if Brian still on. Or if you can answer the question about the updates or thoughts about the western water infrastructure active

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Brian Gunn: Oh, can, can you hear me.

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Brian Gunn: Okay.

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Brian Gunn: The western Water Act. Oh, I was I was, I'm sorry. Can you repeat the question. I was

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Brian Gunn: Water, you did.

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Leonard Forsman: A structure x

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Leonard Forsman: Be familiar with that.

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Brian Gunn: I think, I think that's the, I think they're talking about one of the versions of the Word. The Word of bill, which is sort of the biannual

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Brian Gunn: You know army corps irrigation infrastructure bill.

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Brian Gunn: I know that the Senate, the House version is in the moving forward at the big infrastructure package that was unveiled 10 days ago.

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Brian Gunn: The Senate version has actually passed committee in this sort of pending passage and the full Senate.

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Brian Gunn: I mean, there's some stuff of interest to tribes in there, you know, for the tribes in the Pacific Northwest both versions include Denny hex puget SOS act that establishes, you know, the kind of solidifies

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Brian Gunn: Some protocols and then an entity for overseeing cleanup of the Puget Sound. I expect that if there is a word, a final version of a word of Bill. Which I'm pretty sure there will be, I expect that to be in there because it's in both versions.

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Brian Gunn: But i think i think that's I'm presuming that's what the question is referring to

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Leonard Forsman: Right there. Any other questions. If not, thank you. Derek for that information and we looking for more

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Leonard Forsman: Updates on that Cooley case.

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Leonard Forsman: And we're more than willing to get involved in that jurisdictional case for sure.

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Leonard Forsman: Alright.

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Derrick NCAI: Thank you. I appreciate it.

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Leonard Forsman: You're welcome.

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Leonard Forsman: Terry, we only give us an update here on the agenda, who's next.

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Terri Parr: I'm sure

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Terri Parr: Next step is national National Indian child welfare Nicholas and the health board swap places. So David's going to be able to be on for just a few more minutes. But David, if you're there. Would you like to go

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Leonard Forsman: Thanks David.

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David Simmons: Do you can you put a power nap or try to share my screen or

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Leonard Forsman: Your comes

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All right.

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David Simmons: Okay.

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David Simmons: Alright. Well, good morning, everyone. Thank you for providing us with some time on the General Assembly, I have

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David Simmons: Two things that I want to share with you I'm first of all say, I'm David Simon's I'm the government affairs and advocacy director at Nick one

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David Simmons: Along with Gary Patterson, who's the chair of the Indian child welfare and social services committee at 80 and I I help staff, the committee and we will have a committee meeting tomorrow and we'll be talking about some of these and other issues and more depth. So, next slide please.

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David Simmons: I want to give you a as we usually do give you a brief update on sort of the bracket and be Bernhardt litigation. This is an ECHO case that's been

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David Simmons: Reviewed in the Fifth Circuit and we've been talking about this for a number of all over a year and you heard Derek earlier mentioned it as well. So it started as litigation that was instigated by the plaintiffs Texas primarily but also joined by two other states Agee's

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David Simmons: And several private parties mostly who were people who were have who had Native children in their homes and either foster care or we're trying to adopt those children usually or non Indian families.

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David Simmons: The defendants were the federal government and in this case also five intervening tribes. You can see listed up here, which included from at and I have Quinn all as well. And they've done some fantastic work.

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David Simmons: On there and help represent Indian country interests in this work. So there was a that we've got a good hearing the first round through a three judge panel in the Fifth Circuit and then right after we got that good decision.

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David Simmons: Plaintiffs then petition for rehearing on bond, which means in front of the full panel of judges city and judges in the Fifth Circuit that was granted last October.

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David Simmons: Or arguments occurred in January, late January and 2020 and right now we're waiting decision.

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David Simmons: Release. I thought we filed in on the in the countryside and the government side some very strong brief.

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David Simmons: There were nine different briefs 486 tribes, almost all the tribes and they affiliated area signed on and support on the tribal amicus brief.

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David Simmons: And we had amicus briefs from a number of our non Indian allies child welfare and from constitutional scholars and others who also filed and saying that equal is constitutional. And it was application should continue as it has it has unfettered for a long, long time. So,

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David Simmons: We're kind of we're waiting for the decision. But in the meantime, we're also working on media communications and also working to get keep our

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David Simmons: Allies up to date on what's going to, and I would say that pretty consistently we've been in the lead in media communications and comparison to the

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David Simmons: Plaintiffs we've had more articles with more balanced coverage, especially even some fairly relatively nuance coverage some very personal stories about how aqua has both positively.

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David Simmons: Impacted people's lives when it was applied correctly. And when it hasn't what has happened in some other kind of the tragedy there as well.

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David Simmons: We've been working with our partners and the protective campaign, which includes Native American Rights fund and National Congress of American Indians and association on American Indian and Alaska.

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David Simmons: American Association Association American Indian affairs. Sorry about that. Shannon, so we have had really good support.

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David Simmons: From our, our funder, and we're right now we're working on beds to we're trying to get some strategic placement of those in different places were

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David Simmons: Responding to one op ed that was incredibly vicious about Native communities and native families that was posted in the Bismarck Tribune, but we're going to be trying to respond to that. So we were all continue to work on that level. Next slide please.

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David Simmons: But one of the things that we have to remember, while we're very focused on the brackeen case the brackeen has yet another case in the brackeen that's a family, a non native family who is tied to adopt a child and native child Navajo Cherokee Nation send a child.

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David Simmons: And in this case, another case in Texas Court, there's a sibling of the trial that is kind of front and center in the brackeen be Bernhard case.

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David Simmons: So this is a case that has been at the Family Court level, the district court level for a while.

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David Simmons: It has been on a an anthem family court level, the family court judge ruled that the Texas law that required implementation of equity was unconstitutional.

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David Simmons: And in the decision split the conservatorship of the child between both the brackeen family and also a maternal and from Navajo Nation, which is very odd. You don't usually see this in child welfare cases where they're splitting up conservatorship or custody of children.

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David Simmons: So the Navajo Nation appeal to the Texas second court of appeals and they reverse the conservatorship and remanded to the family court. Next slide please.

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David Simmons: So Navajo Nation. We got a good decision there. And now Navajo Nation, but it wasn't exactly what we wanted. We know that this is an over so Navajo Nation petition the State supreme court to review the lower

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David Simmons: Appeals Court decision, while the case was on remand back to the family court.

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David Simmons: At the same time, just recently the Texas Attorney General cross petition asking for the State supreme court.

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David Simmons: To find equity unconstitutional and not applicable in the state of Texas. And in this case, so we know previously this Texas. He has been very aggressive

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David Simmons: To try and find ways to have those Texas courts not recognizing what not apply it within the either the agencies or within the courts and so we know that he will likely continue to

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David Simmons: pursue this path. So while we have other cases, of

course, that we're following in the states and things where we see some of the hallmarks of what the Goldwater Institute.

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David Simmons: Is trying to do to find equal unconstitutional. Certainly this is where the sort of the epicenter right now for us. Next slide please.

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David Simmons: I also wanted to share a little bit of information about just sort of child welfare and coven 18

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David Simmons: So you've heard people talking a little bit about the different kinds of code bills and some of the hopes for maybe in the next release package.

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David Simmons: The first two coven bills really had no specific funding for human services and specifically for child welfare. The cares Act provided some additional funds.

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David Simmons: From other kind of eight DHHS sources for tribes, but it was pretty minimal and so most of the child welfare funding and Human Services funding if it was going to come from the carrier, Zach.

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David Simmons: Had to either be part of the relief fund or the big A operations funding so tribes have are in the decision making role about how those funds are spent.

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David Simmons: We're hearing that some of those funds are coming or getting down to tribal child welfare programs. But we're not hearing it. That's kind of a consistent

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David Simmons: Flow of the funds and then we have Congress's heroes act HR 6800 and it provides significantly more funding for tribal human services. And one example I want to point out is

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David Simmons: We've been trying for years to get ongoing access to the social services block grant, which is a multi billion dollar program is fills the gap for states. We want to provide care to elders.

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David Simmons: protection services to children to for domestic violence victims and also for people with disabilities. It can be used for almost any number of sources including Tana as well.

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David Simmons: So there is a small provision in there that allows one time emergency funding for tribes to the social services blocker and

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David Simmons: It would provide about \$400 million if this were to become enacted in a future relief bill. And so we've been talking about how it's important to educate

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David Simmons: Senators about the importance of giving tribes into this program, not just for the short term, but the long term to and there's been legislation that has been proposed, all the way back to like 1988

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David Simmons: Trying to get tribes eligible for this just like like states are eligible. One thing I did also know

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David Simmons: When you talk about block grants, you're usually talking about funding that goes to states which you and they use the tribal population numbers to determine the state allocation yet state.

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David Simmons: Rarely share those funds with tribes. There are a few examples, but not very many. There's also legislation emergency family stabilization hack. This is in the Senate.

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David Simmons: Proposed and CO sponsored by Sen Murkowski from Alaska. This would have about \$80 million for tribes. It focuses primarily on homeless families and homeless youth who are experiencing.

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David Simmons: In more increased homelessness and challenge is based on the pandemic.

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David Simmons: And I think because it's got a republican co sponsor and it's possible that this bill could also be picked up and this provisions and also placed into a relief package in the future. So please keep that on your radar as well. Next slide please.

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David Simmons: So some of the things I wanted to share a little bit about what are, what we're seeing in child welfare, because sometimes the signals.

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David Simmons: Information that we're seeing about travel wall for right now and tribal communities and beyond are kind of hard to see sometimes in other cases they're confusing.

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David Simmons: So the things that we do know is that reports of child abuse and neglect are down very significantly across the board, almost in all places.

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David Simmons: Not everywhere. But in most places. So people say, well, what is that about, but we also noticed at the same time that reports of domestic violence.

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David Simmons: Mental health concerns and then also relapses due to substance abuse are also on the rise to

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David Simmons: And we know that our families and caregivers of children are more anxious and feeling more cautious right now.

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David Simmons: And so one of the things about child abuse reports is is that most the leading place for child abuse reports, our school systems.

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David Simmons: And while kids are not in school. We don't have some people being able to watch

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David Simmons: Kids and be able to follow some of what's going on in the homes. So that's part of the

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David Simmons: What's going on, but they're also kids aren't going to their regular checkups and dental appointments and things like they used to.

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David Simmons: In most cases, and that's another place where doctors are important.

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David Simmons: So even though you may say, well, this is great news. We were it's what's underlying sort of underlying the surface that we're worried about

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David Simmons: And as kids start to go back to school at some point. Are we going to see an explosion or a real increase of reporting of child abuse or neglect.

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David Simmons: And that's something we don't know, but we are anticipating. So I asked you to be prepared. Think about

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David Simmons: It with your thought leaders in your tribal community on childwall for your program leaders and talk with them about this because it's the kind of thing that we don't want to get caught off guard about

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David Simmons: The thing about birth families and caregivers, is that while they're feeling anxious and cautious very, of course, very naturally

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David Simmons: It also can be something that impedes the ability to get services to them for people to get visitation with their children have their been removed from the home.

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David Simmons: And even getting a services and supports to caregivers like relatives or foster families or guardians to. So thinking about how can we be really creative and trying to help.

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David Simmons: folks feel that they understand what coven 19 what the risks are and ways to stay safe and still receive services.

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David Simmons: So of course all of this points to the that we have a lot of challenges in our

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David Simmons: Child Welfare or human service systems. We're also seeing court hearings being delayed specially on the state side that creates anxiety for parents wondering if

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David Simmons: If court hearings are delayed and there are certain timelines in my case plan are those going to be are those things going to be held against me. And what if I'm not getting services, is that going to be held against me too.

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David Simmons: So I think that what this says to us is that we need to have additional communication with the family, especially those who are most higher risk of losing their children.

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David Simmons: To make sure that families are being able to give good communication. They understand that, hey, we're not going to hold this against you.

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David Simmons: Yeah, we understand that you're in a difficult situation and you shouldn't be held responsible for things that are out of your control. So

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David Simmons: The other thing that's really critical in child welfare is visitations, we know that there's more visitations happening virtually and which is a good thing.

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David Simmons: But there are also visitations being cancelled, especially on the state side is our understanding. And so we would

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David Simmons: Tell you, just to advocate very strongly the visitations need to continue. It's a major part of what helps parents be able to

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David Simmons: Feel good about themselves and their ability to accomplish their, their tasks and their case plan. And so we've got to keep visitations happening and be creative about that too.

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David Simmons: Last thing I would share here is that virtual services really only get you so far, there are some families who we just we aren't quite sure what's going on with them. Right. We all know families in the community like this.

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David Simmons: And they were a bit isolated to begin with, even before coven 19 and now it's even more apparent.

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David Simmons: So in some cases we have to find ways to get eyes on to make sure that families are okay they're getting the support they need

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David Simmons: And that children are okay too. So we've got to think about that. And as you're working with state agencies and equip cases if they're telling you what we you know we can't go out and look at that we can't go what we can't risk it.

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David Simmons: You need to, I think you just kind of need to put your foot down a little bit, maybe, and just tell them you know this is a high risk family.

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David Simmons: I think it's important that we lay eyes on children and then let us try and help you figure out how to do that together because we don't want to have families, kind of get left behind. Next slide please.

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David Simmons: So what are the things that people are doing the kinds of solutions that we're coming up with

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David Simmons: Well, some of the things that are happening is, is that people are monitoring active efforts close more closely in EQUIP cases in active efforts is the requirement equity that

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David Simmons: Requires that you have to provide a really engaged level of services to families. You can't just refer them to a service and call it good.

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David Simmons: You've really got to help them figure out how to get there, how to access it.

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David Simmons: And of course in coven 19 situation, it's even more complex. So we can't let courts and judges say okay well we couldn't get the service there, but we're going to hold you accountable anyway.

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David Simmons: For things that are out of your control. So we've got to make sure that state agencies aren't excusing active efforts as they move through these cases. That's really important.

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David Simmons: Also asking for flexibility as much as possible to attend court hearings virtually if that's not happening already.

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David Simmons: And advocating for parents in court not being punished for incomplete services. I use that word intentionally sometimes they're getting some services or parts of services but novel.

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David Simmons: And for delays and getting services. So making sure that in the court that we're advocating for those kinds of things for the families.

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David Simmons: And then families, of course, are trying to get more technology. They're trying to get out of

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David Simmons: And I know and lots of tribes are helping them purchase. You can use a number of your federal trust funds for funds to purchase technology. And then there's some information on our website.

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David Simmons: At our coven 19 website where you can see where the feds have actually specifically said, hey, you can purchase devices you can support assistance to them and other things to help with that kind of

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David Simmons: Communication and then insist on face to face meetings to check on children and higher risk families, especially with the state agency.

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David Simmons: Making sure you know kind of thinking about your caseload which are the highest risk families. Some of these families absolutely need somebody to look in on these kids.

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David Simmons: And and I want to make sure our state partners aren't treating these families as a as they would with some others who they're not doing

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David Simmons: Check Ins on and we've seen, we've gotten reports across the country about high risk families, not having. Anybody see them, nobody going into the home. Nobody even calling them. We need to make sure that that's not happening with our Native children, families. Next slide please.

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David Simmons: The visitation. I mentioned, don't let live visitation laps.

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David Simmons: Very important. This is also a good time for training. You know, there's a lot of good virtual trainings Nyquil provides trainings others provide training.

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David Simmons: For staff. And I also think families can benefit you know families often don't get the opportunity to get training on parenting.

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David Simmons: Other kinds of interesting things child development, how to work with your kids as a tutor. And, of course, a lot of these kids are home and the schools have essentially said, hey,

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David Simmons: We parents, caregivers, you're responsible for now educating your kids because we aren't going to be in session. Well, that's a tough situation already. And that's very stressful for a lot of families.

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David Simmons: So I would encourage you to look on and help families purchase access to training good quality training on the Internet and other places.

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David Simmons: Using the great outdoors. We've been noticing Wi Fi access is a problem.

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David Simmons: But we've even seen some creativity, where some tribes are actually having people meet like in parking lots, where there's Wi Fi access

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David Simmons: Typically, like at tribal facilities and thing and being able to help people attend visitations that way and other things.

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David Simmons: And have maybe even family group decision meetings where they can bring extended family and other people together. If they're not comfortable being in a

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David Simmons: Space purchasing games and toys for kids, you know, kids are climbing the walls right you're having to stay at home a lot. So helping get things to help parents keep kids entertained and also

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David Simmons: Engaged and then also we've got some things, some creative things that we found like books that actually have

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David Simmons: A parent can record themselves reading the book and then set and give that to the child that's a great way to do it, have kids and family and parents are separated care packages for kids to all really good stuff. Next slide please.

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David Simmons: And last slide here is just, we have some here's our coven

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David Simmons: Web page link. And here's something written by

California in the legal services that we like it's talking about getting an active efforts and equity cases back on track.

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David Simmons: In the courts and things. So I would, if you have any questions for me. I'd be happy to answer them. Now I know your agendas little behind

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David Simmons: But you can also email me to at Nick one and or call or call me. I guess it would be harder to call me but just email me at Nicole, you can find my email on the website too.

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Leonard Forsman: Okay thank you David for that background on that and I don't see any questions in the chat yet.

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Leonard Forsman: So you said the arguments for the brackeen case is that they've been scheduled or that was, are there any that's still moving.

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David Simmons: Yeah, I know that the arguments happened in January on there. If you look at the website for the Fifth Circuit, they say, typically takes about six months for them to issue a decision so

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David Simmons: You know, we were we were thinking maybe we might have a decision this summer, but it's possible that it could go longer especially with coven 19 and everything so we'll have to see when we get that decision because the on Bob visit arguments happen later than that even.

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David Simmons: So,

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David Simmons: We're not quite sure when we'll get the decision, it could be as late as the fall, but we're keeping we're monitoring this

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Leonard Forsman: Great, thank you. Yeah. All right. All right. Well, with that Terry is Atlanta. Trust me, would be next, then

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Leonard Forsman: Yes. Okay. Did we make Josh a presenter yet Josh claws. He's on the he's in the participants side.

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Terri Parr: Can we just get him unmuted. Please Josh COS

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joshclause: Can you hear me.

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Leonard Forsman: Yep. Gotcha.

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joshclause: Okay, well, I apologize for not being

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joshclause: Dressed up. I didn't realize

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Leonard Forsman: You got two hours notice

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joshclause: So I but I am sporting my 51st State shirt because DC, you know, the house representatives voted to make DC the 51st state on Friday. So we're pretty excited

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joshclause: Here in the district.

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Leonard Forsman: Oh, great. Thank you.

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joshclause: So,

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Leonard Forsman: rooting for you.

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joshclause: Know, as with everything, tribal, you know, the same fate as DC. It's the Senate, it's going to kill us. So

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joshclause: But we'll see there's hope. This is the first time it happened. So we're excited

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joshclause: Thank you, everyone. My name is Josh claws, a citizen in the Mohawk nation. I have a firm here in DC clause law that represents tribes and lobbying legal fee to trust my background.

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joshclause: Wasn't be to trust. I worked on Carcieri speed of trust application. And then the defense of that case in district court as part of the team when I was at Denton so very familiar. I want to cover a couple of things.

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joshclause: Of what's going on here in DC, when it comes to fee to trust as you're all aware there's three ways for land to go into trust. There is

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joshclause: You know through an act of Congress through the IRAs discretionary authority and then through a mandatory authority which was, you know, normally would be a land.

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joshclause: Settlement Act or some sort of compensation bill, where Congress provides for the mandatory acquisition for a tribe and there are only a few tribes out there with those

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joshclause: Mandatory authorities, but when we look to Congress. Congress has been fairly slow, there's been two

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joshclause: Statutes enacted to provide land for tribes. It's the Chumash tribe and the tribe down in California, their bill was included both of their bills were included in the National Defense Authorization Act.

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joshclause: That was passed in December, those tribes had been fighting for a long time to get those bills passed and you know they finally made it over the hurdle.

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joshclause: For those acquisitions. There are about 10 other bills pending that have to do with land in the trust in Congress right now for which have passed at least one chamber and those four would be for the mash P tribe.

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joshclause: Leech Lake and

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joshclause: Eastern Band Cherokee. And then, and then the Carcieri fix is the fourth

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joshclause: So those are pending.

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joshclause: You know, the Senate takes them up, they could become law. So those are kind of the actions on the horizon of what might happen.

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joshclause: You know now turning over to the IRAs fee to trust process and through the Indian Reorganization at kind of the, the big thing that everyone

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joshclause: Saw. Right. It kind of the height of the pandemic was or when the pandemic was kicking off was what happened in the mash up tribe in Massachusetts. And so the mash be tribe.

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joshclause: Or restored to recognition and went to get their initial land interest in a town called taught in Massachusetts.

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joshclause: In 2015 the Department of the Interior approved an acquisition for mash up of about 300 acres of land and they were going to build a casino there under the initial reservation exemption to a girl. The city local residents sued.

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joshclause: And tried to block that acquisition, you know, in the

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joshclause: Decision to take that land and the trust to satisfy that Carcier test.

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joshclause: The Department of the Interior utilize their 2014 M opinion and the opinion is a solicitor's opinion, it's, you know, I'm sure everyone's heard about but offers a lot of legal weight and authority and what interior said was that the mash be tribe satisfied. The second definition of

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joshclause: The second definition of Indian through the IRA and that definition is descendants of tribal members residing in 1934 within the boundaries of any Indian reservation.

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joshclause: So, that case you after that decision was made. There was a challenge immediately to the acquisition. Do I did take that land in the trust.

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joshclause: And in 2016. The judge said that DUI misapplied. The Indian Reorganization Act and told the department to to remain or remanded the case of the department and ask them to redo their analysis and look at the second prong in terms of, you know, under Federal jurisdiction.

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joshclause: And so do I went back and

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joshclause: Tried to set and see if they could satisfy the first definition of of that under Federal jurisdiction test.

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joshclause: In

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joshclause: The Trump administration issued a negative determination and said that they did not satisfy that first definition.

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joshclause: You know interior, excuse me, the mash be tried see right away.

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joshclause: It's all kind of came to a head on March 27 when that apartment in informed mash up leadership that they were going to take the land out of trust.

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joshclause: You know, this got a lot of headlines. It's unclear if interior actually has the authority to take land out of trust. Once it is in trust. So you have to make some sort of argument that

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joshclause: The trust acquisition. Never happened because there was no legal authority for it to happen and you get into this sort of

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joshclause: Debate that law professors love to have

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joshclause: The mash be sued right away to get an injunction to stop that from happening.

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joshclause: You know when when that court that case was heard

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joshclause: The, the judge looked at the decision and basically said, look, you know, you were supposed to look at the evidence, all this individual evidence to show that the tribe was under Federal jurisdiction. You were supposed to look at it in concert, meaning all taken together.

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joshclause: In that could be on that had to be an ambiguous and instead what he said interior did in that 18 decision was that they took all of the individual pieces of evidence, you know, such as

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joshclause: A mash up tribal member going to Carlisle Indian School instead that each one of those individual pieces of evidence, had to be unambiguous, you know, the judge was not excited about that ruling.

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joshclause: Also in March. Do I came out with a new em opinion and withdrew the 2014 I'm opinion on Carcieri and replace it from a two part test in the 2014 opinion with a new for part test.

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joshclause: The judge was pretty vicious with his treatment of that he said that that march 2020 guidance of the M opinion was a joke, you know, literally said it was a joke.

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joshclause: You know, kind of chastised that apartment for grammatical and spelling errors throughout the opinion. It was pretty harsh with them generally

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joshclause: In the beginning of this month, the judge did rule on that.

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joshclause: On that injunction. And basically he reminded the case that 2018 decision back to interior told them to apply the

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joshclause: And opinion requirements and then prevented them from taking the land out of trust, and in the meantime.

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joshclause: You know, so it's it's somewhat of a when I think interior wanted to try to apply the

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joshclause: Or excuse me, the new em opinion and

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joshclause: You know, the Court basically said that would just amount to a Pyrrhic victory for the tribe and they were entitled to

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joshclause: You know, the, the opinion that was in place at the time that decision was initially made so

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joshclause: That case is going. There's a legislative efforts in Congress and it's passed the House to

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joshclause: You know, ratified the acquisition for the trial, this is similar. If you remember, you know, gun lakes case in Michigan. There was a that went to the Supreme Court.

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joshclause: There was a legislative effort to ratify that feat of trust acquisition and that's what mash be is trying to do right now.

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joshclause: And then the final thing I would say, when we look at what what's happening and interior. They are processing fee to trust applications. Things are moving. You know, I don't think they're moving as fast as a lot of folks would like to like it to move

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joshclause: You know, when we look at Congress, that the efforts to that we saw last Congress to try to amend the Indian Reorganization Act those really haven't resurfaced

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joshclause: You know this Congress, I think some of it is the House Democrats have no desire to change the IRA, other than to pass a clean Carcieri fix and say that every tribe is entitled to take land in the trust. But if you do look at

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joshclause: This past, I believe it was last month co quill at a decision out. Where do I denied their land and the trust acquisition. It was, I think, like, three acres about 170 miles away from their tribal headquarters and it was dead to do class to gaming.

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joshclause: In why I point that out. There's a couple of interesting things about the denial

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joshclause: One.

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joshclause: You know, it was all centered on part 151 point 11 be subsection b. And that's benefits anticipated benefits of the tribe.

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joshclause: For the fee to trust acquisition and interior said that the benefits to this acquisition were muted.

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joshclause: Because of the distance from from the the tribes headquarters and

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joshclause: You know, and they say nothing other than just saying that as a conclusion. And if you remember the second Bush administration, the community mobility standard that was put into place.

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joshclause: The seems like a resurgence of the comfortability standard which I you know I don't think is an appropriate

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joshclause: You know, standard, obviously. And I think it could be detrimental to a lot of tribes to be able to

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joshclause: To say, just because it's far from your headquarters and, you know, you will benefit or or that would be moved mooted. The other thing, too, is just to point out and if

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joshclause: Anyone that see me talking, different panels about this. I'm not a fan of using Indian claims Commission materials to cut against tribes and fee to trust acquisitions in this case, does this decision did that and said this is outside of the tribes ICC ICC territory, and I think that

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joshclause: You know, it's good to city tribes. If remember the Indian claims Commission was meant to deprive of us have as much land as possible and to shrink our land down that would be compensated for to the smallest amount possible. So I just personally think the

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joshclause: The feet of trust regulations do not talk to the ICC and if I remember correctly, the preamble to these regulations, there was a discussion that that should be in there and it was explicitly

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joshclause: You know, explicitly explicitly said no we're not going to do that because it's not an appropriate standard for free to trust. So I think it's short sighted in could have detrimental impacts to tribes ability to acquire land with that, that's all I have.

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Leonard Forsman: Thanks, Josh. There. Any questions don't see anything in the chat yet.

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Leonard Forsman: Thank you for this update on a very technical topic

and appreciate you coming in on short notice. And we appreciate you being back in the nation's capital, they're representing the tribes your clients and everybody else that you work with. So

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Leonard Forsman: Thanks again for that and hopefully you have a good rest of the afternoon.

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joshclause: Thanks, everyone. Have a good one.

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Terri Parr: All right. Thanks, Josh.

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Leonard Forsman: Okay, so

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Leonard Forsman: Now we're moving on to the cares act for travel costs and we have Nicole.

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Leonard Forsman: And it looks like you have

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Leonard Forsman: Kenneth visit with you as well.

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Nicole Elliott: Yes, that's correct. Good afternoon, or good morning, everyone. My name is Nicole, Elliot. I'm an attorney with Holland tonight and we're in Washington, DC. I'm joined by Ken Parsons.

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Nicole Elliott: And together, we have been representing lots of tribes trying to navigate the additional 8 billion that was set aside for tribes as a result of the cares act.

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Nicole Elliott: And so I think we are a little bit behind schedule so I and I just wanted to kind of provide my general thoughts and then

HAPPY TO ASK answer any questions that you may have either on this call, or

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Nicole Elliott: Outside of this call. If you'd like to email us

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Nicole Elliott: We had a lively debate last time I was on about what is exactly an allowable cost but, as everyone knows, the Caribbean 8 billion set aside the litigation that

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Nicole Elliott: Is involving Alaska Natives was previously discussed on on

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Nicole Elliott: Um, but the statute requires that fun this fund be set aside, basically, there's three steps and requirements necessary to to convince

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Nicole Elliott: Not accounted for in the tribes most recent budget and were incurred through the end of this year as a lot of what we've been doing and tribes, of course, basically two tranches some of this money.

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Nicole Elliott: Helping tribes navigate, what exactly is permissible. And what might not be in addition to the statute, of course, we have the US Department of Treasury issuing guidance. Most recently, last week, and they've been issuing guidance in these kind of informal frequently asked question.

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Nicole Elliott: Which has of course as we'd like to point out to our clients does not have the force of law. This is not like Treasury did proposed and final rules.

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Nicole Elliott: There was no opportunity for public comment on these FAQs. And so I think our position is while we're while we're looking at those FAQs very, very carefully.

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Nicole Elliott: We do know that they do not have the force of law and I think where they're helpful. We will certainly embraced them, but because they were done without the notice and public comment period, I think it is significant.

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Nicole Elliott: That, that, you know, they provide some guidance, but are not true regulations.

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Nicole Elliott: And of course, part of this as we're looking at both the statute and we're looking at the Treasury FA cues that are being updated and hopefully will not be updated any further. My position is because

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Nicole Elliott: We think there is a lot of leeway for tribes to be creative with this money to think about sort of short term needs of their tribal members and also long term needs of their tribal members in their communities.

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Nicole Elliott: And of course, what is why tribes are so worried and state and local governments are worried that they're using this money for an allowable uses

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Nicole Elliott: Is of course because the cares act created gave authority for the Inspector General of Treasury to make sure these funds are being used correctly.

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Nicole Elliott: And so that's kind of the, the looming hammer that's that's over everyone's shoulder. We have no idea what the Inspector General audits will look like, how many they will be able to do the cares that gave the Inspector General 35 million and he'll be looking at all states.

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Nicole Elliott: Local governments and tribes.

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Nicole Elliott: And so we are hopeful that when this review happens if this audit happens that you know a lot of difference will be given to tribes and government officials who are really much more closely connected to the needs of their community.

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Nicole Elliott: I will say that, you know, this is also in addition to, you know, possibly updating guidance by Treasury.

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Nicole Elliott: We do you know there is the heroes act as was alluded to earlier was introduced by the US House of Representatives.

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Nicole Elliott: And that would also modify the cares act money and how it would broaden how it could be used so us in Washington, DC, in particular are looking at what the Senate will do the United States Senate.

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Nicole Elliott: They are out. I think if it does happen, it will not be early in July. They are expected to leave town.

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Nicole Elliott: This weekend, come back, July 20 for about three weeks. So I think we'll see more action later in July and see what exactly the Senate and kind of what they're proposing to the heroes. Our heroes act as proposed would make changes to the cares act. And so that's something worth monitoring.

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Nicole Elliott: I would say overall, the things that we're seeing a lot of interest in the tribes will do in terms of what is an allowable use I would put the first bucket of course and per capita payments.

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Nicole Elliott: payments made directly to tribal members and their families.

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Nicole Elliott: To deal with the cutting packs of coven whether that's to buy additional pee pee equipment sanitation.

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Nicole Elliott: Or whether to do with a second order effects of this terrible pandemic, such as income loss.

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Nicole Elliott: So we've been assisting a lot of tribes with figuring out how to structure their programs, not only so they're compliant with the cares act, but also so the compliant with the GW me

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Nicole Elliott: The General Welfare Act, such that any payments are incredible as income to the tribal members.

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Nicole Elliott: So that's where I probably put the what we're seeing across the board in terms of buckets of interest and how to use these funds by tribes and then I would say the second bucket is kind of a sense tribal businesses or businesses, I'm at, whether that be through a grant program.

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Nicole Elliott: To try to

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Nicole Elliott: kind of deal with the business loss interruption of businesses and then I would say the other third bucket that we're thinking about

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Nicole Elliott: You know, health, health insurance. How do we are or infrastructure projects that will basically help tribes, you know, looking at this as kind of a long term investment and thinking about

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Nicole Elliott: You know unfortunately we don't know when this pandemic will end. We don't know what a vaccine and so kind of thinking a little bit longer term.

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Nicole Elliott: And so again, that's kind of what we've been seeing and what we've been assisting

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Nicole Elliott: I would say that the care Zach money, we do have to be careful and how we are sending it to make sure that God forbid any inspector general does show up. But there's kind of been a good documentation analysis of, you know, whether this is an appropriate use of the Cures Act on and

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Nicole Elliott: So I don't want to go over information that was already covered and I know many of you have good experience with cares act and I've likely thought about this carefully.

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Nicole Elliott: But we're happy to answer any questions. Like I said, either on this call, or if you want to reach out after in terms of what is an allowable use. Well, we're seeing some creativity in this area. And I think that's important.

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Kenneth Parsons: Yeah, I think, Nicole creativity is an important word I think based on the guidance made everybody can read treasuries guidance in the FAQ. And I think what comes out of that is

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Kenneth Parsons: A small category of expenses that are clearly allowable.

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Kenneth Parsons: Another small category of expenses that are clearly not available, how, how elbow. And then there's this huge gray area, which obviously as attorneys were Nicole I spend most of our time.

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Kenneth Parsons: Advising tribes on this vast gray area. And just to add on to what Nicole said, I think there is some benefit and having that gray area.

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Kenneth Parsons: Because of the deference and discretion that we think the Inspector General is

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Kenneth Parsons: likely going to have to give to not just tribal governments state governments in general just because there's a reasonableness standard

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Kenneth Parsons: In the guidance and it's not about what was reasonable.

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Kenneth Parsons: When the Inspector General general audits you a year or two from now, with the benefit of hindsight, it's what does the tribal government think is reasonable today.

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Kenneth Parsons: Making its decisions and there's a lot of uncertainty about coven and how long it's gonna last

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Kenneth Parsons: How to best respond to invest mitigated. And so I think all of that is baked into our thinking that there's a lot of leeway for tribal decision making here.

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Kenneth Parsons: And the benefit of the gray area versus

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Kenneth Parsons: Asking Treasury to answer a question directly, and they might come back with an answer that we don't really like that that might foreclose an idea that we might have had that

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Kenneth Parsons: Might have passed the reasonable standard, even though it wasn't clearly allowable. But once Treasury says you can't do it, and it's in the other buckets. So

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Kenneth Parsons: So as Nicole mentioned. We've been on a lot of time in that gray area with business activities payments to individuals as well.

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Kenneth Parsons: And documentation is really important for your programs, not just why you did it, but when you did it. What guidance you relying on and

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Kenneth Parsons: All of that, including in there just explaining your decision making helps with a reasonable the standard

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Kenneth Parsons: We can pause it and we got a question coming in.

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Nicole Elliott: Yeah. We had a question from Chairman Allen.

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Nicole Elliott: And that some senator where he doesn't think we'll see a Senate version until September, question mark, question mark, question mark my commentary was just that, you know, we have the US House of Representative, who introduced the heroes act.

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Nicole Elliott: That I think on the whole would be beneficial. It provides 20 additional billion dollars for tribes. So that would be certainly welcome.

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Nicole Elliott: But we don't have a sort of the senate counterproposal they are here this week and Washington DC, they go home for the Fourth of July holiday.

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Nicole Elliott: And then they stay home until July 17 so there'll be back in town in Washington DC on the 20th of July.

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Nicole Elliott: So it's a pretty big break and what we're expecting is

that if there is a former senate counterproposal obviously work will be continuing while there while they're home and on break. But if we see a Senate proposal, it will not be until late July that is kind of a prediction.

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Leonard Forsman: Okay, so

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Leonard Forsman: Go ahead, Teri.

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Terri Parr: Oh, I was gonna let Nicole know there was another question from Chairman Alan. There are many of us.

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Terri Parr: The way many of us are reading the Cures Act is the recipients have much more discretion on US state are self certified and tribes should be as well. The Treasury guidance are just that not regulations of use.

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Nicole Elliott: That and that's correct. That is my. That is my position. And my point is that

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Nicole Elliott: You know, we should take the Treasury FAQs as their

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Nicole Elliott: As maybe some guidance of some interest in even if we do that in and they don't have the force of law I we find that there is very good flexibility for tribes and state and locals on how to use these funds.

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Terri Parr: And then he follows up with the access ID will be the determinant determiner of appropriate use

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Nicole Elliott: That is correct. So there is this interesting dynamic where the people who are writing these FAQs that we look at. And we

look at every word sometimes carefully.

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Nicole Elliott: Is not the Inspector General. These are not the frequently asked guidance FA cues from the Inspector General.

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Nicole Elliott: And that is absolutely correct. And what remains to be seen as the approach that the Inspector General will take

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Nicole Elliott: As attorneys. We are always again, be careful to document about what you did and why you did it and why you thought it was

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Nicole Elliott: An abundance of caution, but we really do feel like if the Inspector General works will be coming knocking.

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Nicole Elliott: There's an expectation for example the FAQs talk about reasonable judgment of government officials, you know, they should be given authority.

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Nicole Elliott: And we would guess that the Inspector General is to come knocking you know they'll be looking at really blatant flagrant kind of abuses of this money and not hopefully stepping in.

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Nicole Elliott: The shoes of a government or tribal official and say,

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Nicole Elliott: We don't think that was reasonable to do that per capita payment or we think that was the wrong amount

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Nicole Elliott: But rather, it would be, you know, the abuses like double dipping on federal funds for one project in both places where you're kind of taking money from from two places and and double counting or things like that. Hopefully the Inspector General will be

looking for.

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Kenneth Parsons: I think that's exactly right, then I think another category where the guidance says that you're not allowed to use the money for us is revenue replacement

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Kenneth Parsons: And I know there may be some ways to sort of get at that. But to the extent of like explicitly calling something revenue replacement and giving

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Kenneth Parsons: Money over for that. I think that's another low hanging fruit for the Inspector General will come after that and the double dipping Nicole mentioned, but I just don't see them second guessing tribal government decision making.

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Kenneth Parsons: That you made this year in your reasonable judgment, even if that includes distributions to your members. I mean, if you design those properly.

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Kenneth Parsons: Mean your members may very well have increased expenses, combined with a loss of income, more than likely, so they've got hit with a double whammy.

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Kenneth Parsons: So how could somebody a year or two. For now, for now say that distributing money to members as this is an inappropriate use of the Kazakh I just don't don't see how that can happen.

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Leonard Forsman: Yes, thank you. One question.

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Leonard Forsman: We all will be audited is our annual audits as tribal governments were required to do the audit and I don't know the term we talked about single lot it's different kinds of audits, but

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Leonard Forsman: Will our auditors obviously will be reviewing our care Zack funding and how did they manage that, within the context of the I G auditing things. So we're going to get essentially the same where you opinions applied to us in our regular audits.

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Leonard Forsman: Can you hear me.

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Kenneth Parsons: Yeah, I can hear you. So we're just trying to decide whether Nicole, are we going to answer that. I know that.

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Kenneth Parsons: They're usually retroactive looking so right now I think that's part of the reason why we're justifying everything along the way, not just to explain it to the Inspector General, but to our own auditors.

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Kenneth Parsons: as we as we move forward, kind of in real time documenting those expenses and kind of dealing with the difficult questions because I think some of these will come up on on a single audit, as you mentioned,

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Kenneth Parsons: But Nicole and I as attorneys not accountants. We don't know all of the auditing issues.

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Terri Parr: There's another question that kind of follows up on that for the tribes distributing tribal citizen allocations. What is your advice on documentation.

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Nicole Elliott: Yeah, I would say, I'm having some is important. Right. And then we've kind of developed kind of an informal best practices that would include

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Nicole Elliott: There was an intro the FAQ Treasury, like I meant alluded to did update some FAQs, and they talk about per capita

payments and talk about an individual assessment.

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Nicole Elliott: Some tribes are individually assessing all of their members. I don't think that's necessary and may not be administratively feasible.

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Nicole Elliott: But what we are advising, for example, as a best practice is ensuring that there is in the documentation, some sort of assessment, even if it's loose like a loose assessment on state data or just statements about

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Nicole Elliott: The additional costs related to cove ID, the loss of income that everyone's been suffering on documenting kind of the need along the way.

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Nicole Elliott: And then there are also some other minor things such as, you know, making the money return, you know, up to

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Nicole Elliott: Versus a set amount, such that in the off event that people don't have coat your individual tribal members don't have coven costs or or the type of expenditures that we'd like to describe or as as eligible expenditures

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Nicole Elliott: Have the option of returning it now likely. No one's going to return that money as everyone has been impacted

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Nicole Elliott: But, but having an up to amount explaining to tribal members. What are eligible uses I think help goes a long way to make sure your documentation looks really, really tight and robust if someone again were to look at it.

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Terri Parr: Okay. And then another question is, is it the determination of unbudgeted expenditures, a very open to debate question.

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Kenneth Parsons: Yes terminology we agree with you. It is open to debate, I mean, a lot of this is gray area right we don't

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Kenneth Parsons: We don't have clear guidance from Treasury. I think that there's a lot of leeway for tribes, not just the types of programs they define but also how they define what a budget expenditure is. I mean, you've got

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Kenneth Parsons: Even if something's in the budget. There's also just right in the guidance, whether something is a substantially different us from what was budgeted

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Kenneth Parsons: I mean, I think a lot of a lot of tribes are dealing with an issue that. Yeah. Something was budgeted. But we don't have that money. I mean, we

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Kenneth Parsons: We imagine having this money from our gaming business or other businesses analysis, we don't have the money. So what uses that budget. So I think I've seen some arguments on that front as well.

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Kenneth Parsons: So yeah, generally just like what the the decisions of the Members, I think you really just have to document what you're doing and I

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Kenneth Parsons: I expect that the Inspector General will be spending most of his time on the lower hanging fruit than getting into a discussion of

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Kenneth Parsons: What is there is not part of a budget, especially when you have that ability to say something substantially different use, you know, like somebody salary who yeah you are already going to be paying them but you know you're not for dealing with Kobe all the

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Kenneth Parsons: So I, yeah, I definitely agree. Great, great questions. Turn Alan

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Leonard Forsman: Thank you for that and

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Leonard Forsman: Very informative and moving target.

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Leonard Forsman: Yeah. And the thing is is that, you know, I think it's very interesting that

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Leonard Forsman: We I kind of, you know, it's difficult, because everybody wants answers right and it's like, well, you know, none of us have been through this before. So this is all new territory.

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Nicole Elliott: Well, also, we would add, be careful what answers you wish for. And as it currently stands, like I said, we, we think there's some flexibility there and and let's let's use that flexibility to our advantage.

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Leonard Forsman: Perfect, thank you. Good way to close. All right, with that we'll go ahead and move on to the northwest Portland area Indian Health Board presentation.

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Nickolaus Lewis: Morning a president Horseman. Can you hear me, this is Nicholas Lewis.

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Leonard Forsman: Yes, Nicholas. Good to see you. Thank you. It's

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Nickolaus Lewis: Good to see you, and

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Nickolaus Lewis: Just to share a few words wanted to thank the Board at 18 i to the staff. Thank you for for going forward and bringing us all together and starting this day off in a good way.

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Nickolaus Lewis: And all the attendees. Thank you for being here. This is a time where seems like we're on the phones nonstop zoom meetings after zoom meetings and time flies. So thank you for for making the commitment to be here with each and every one.

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Nickolaus Lewis: And also just want to say, I hope. Each and everyone's community is doing well in this time, this, this is a crisis that we've never faced before

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Nickolaus Lewis: And it's challenging us in new ways that we haven't expected and really pray that your community and your loved ones are doing well in these times, just wanted to share a few words that the Portland area.

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Nickolaus Lewis: Has been doing a lot of amazing work representing the Northwest and health policy pushing a lot of the conversations to the national level through the National Indian Health Board.

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Nickolaus Lewis: And advocating for each and every tribe in the northwest each tribe, just to to remind everybody has a delegate on the board. Each tribal council assign somebody to our board to represent you in your communities and your people in the health discussions that we take on on the board.

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Nickolaus Lewis: And I don't want to take much time up. I know we are a little behind and I'd like to turn it over to our executive director to give a good in depth.

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Nickolaus Lewis: Discussion on behalf of the Portland area and do hope to see everyone that can make it to the health committee meeting tomorrow as well.

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Nickolaus Lewis: Being under a pandemic like this is challenging each and every one of us in the LA.

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Nickolaus Lewis: Area, so let's

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Nickolaus Lewis: Turn it over to Laura. Thank you.

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Laura Platero: Thank you.

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Laura Platero: COUNCILMEMBER and

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Laura Platero: Good morning everyone. Let me just show my screen and get my presentation up feel. Just give me one moment.

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Laura Platero: So,

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Laura Platero: I just wanted to talk a little bit about the work we're doing at the board and in the future. I would really like to share more about a lot of the different programs that we have

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Laura Platero: This is sort of a summary slide of all of the different programs at the board and actually don't have logos for every single program that we we

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Laura Platero: Have all of our the exact programs that we have here, just some of the logos are highlighted, you'll see here that the main core programs are

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Laura Platero: Our policy advocacy and then we have a tribal community health provider project, which includes our dental health aide therapy initiative as well as our behavioral health a therapy initiative, we've been

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Laura Platero: Working on setting up certification boards for those with the intention of, as you know, of having our own sort of training programs here in the northwest.

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Laura Platero: As you know, the dental health. A therapy program is going strong. And we're getting ready to have

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Laura Platero: Well to two graduates of the behavioral health a program. So we'll have to behavioral health aides in the north in the Northwest in Washington State.

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Laura Platero: You'll see under the Northwest tribal epidemiology center. We have a lot of different programs. I'm sure you recognize many of these logos and some of you may not have known that these all fall under the health board.

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Laura Platero: And part of the work which most of it does fall under the EPI center is our coven 19 work. So I'm going to go ahead and just

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Laura Platero: I'd love to talk to you about all of our programs. We have a lot of different programs that benefit the tribes that are northwest. But for now, given my time limitations. I'm going to focus completely on coven 19 and the work that we've been doing in this area.

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Laura Platero: When

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Laura Platero: Hit the Northwest. We basically organized a leadership team within the health poured. We have about 70 employees at the health board now 56 or so or under the

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Laura Platero: Tribal epidemiology center and you'll see the makeup of our leadership team here. We do have Dr. Wisner from my chest, who's basically stationed

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Laura Platero: With us at our health board with Alex woo Hoos the CDC environment environmental

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Laura Platero: Specialist officer, we have and then several other Celeste Dave is. Some of you may know her from her work with IHS she works for us now.

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Laura Platero: And then you'll see we have templates Jessica lessin Stephanie Craig rushing and Victorian were in here, who's the tribal epidemiology center director, she triage is most questions related to cove it and then

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Laura Platero: Assign work to various stuff. And of course, you can always contact me for any request that you may have.

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Laura Platero: Just this is just a summary of the Northwest tribal epidemiology center and sort of some of the authority that we have

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Laura Platero: Tribal epidemiology centers are public health authorities under the Indian health care movement act and so

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Laura Platero: Primarily that what that means is that we have the authority to to conduct surveillance and data collection for tribes in our area.

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Laura Platero: We serve the tribes of Idaho, Oregon, Washington, as you know, we have extensive data sharing and data use agreements with tribes state health departments and other regional partners.

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Laura Platero: And just wanted to share that with you and then related to cobra 19 we've been working in partnership with the Indian Health Service to collect data for our area.

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Laura Platero: We currently are in the process of collecting data also for the native project and for NARA, which is the urban program important when they've asked us to do that to do that for them.

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Laura Platero: And now I just want to highlight some of the art like basically our response to coven 19 and some of the available support.

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Laura Platero: To tribes in the northwest. So we do have a website and here's the link to that. We also host weekly calls with tribal and state partners there Tuesday at 10am. We also have covert 19 clinical ECHO.

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Laura Platero: That was established, specifically in response to a Copa

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Laura Platero: If you haven't participated in one of those at least your providers would find them very, very beneficial we've held about 30 so far, specific to

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Laura Platero: Basically what it provides is for our I chest and tribal clinics in areas where they may not have access to experts are

specialists.

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Laura Platero: In the healthcare arena and other areas, it provides them with the panel of experts in that particular topic area.

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Laura Platero: We, we were holding them twice weekly up until last week. Next week, we're going to be doing one a week. So just wanted to share that with you.

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Laura Platero: Monday at noon, and they've covered a variety of topics. So they've covered testing latest information on covert 19 testing care and treatment that has become available.

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Laura Platero: Behavioral health issues, traditional healing. They've also focus on tribal businesses reopening and some of the considerations for that as well as cleaning and sanitation. I mean,

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Laura Platero: There's a number of topics that have been covered on those. They're all recorded and available for viewing at any time.

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Laura Platero: We also have been providing training and technical assistance. So, for example, we've had a lot of questions about testing out break investigation contact trace in quarantine and isolation and a number of other topics.

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Laura Platero: We've, we've conducted training for about 100 people so far and contact tracing. We have a very robust communication communications in messaging program. So we've been on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, we have a texting service to get messages across to

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Laura Platero: All of anyone participating in any of our programs primarily focused on youth, but it really does benefit.

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Laura Platero: Many different populations. And we have a coven 19 specific one. We've developed a lot of education materials. This is an example of one to the left.

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Laura Platero: And all of these are available to you. And we can send a package of messages if you wanted messages about staying home or

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Laura Platero: Stay even staying well and wellness. So there's a lot of opportunity for you to repost or use any of our message messaging, we recently did a video. And many of you may have seen it safe sweats.

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Laura Platero: Video was like sort of a public service announcement. And that was very well received and you'd by many people.

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Laura Platero: Additional support. We've been providing we have been conducting document reviews of reopening plans testing strategies. We also have policy resources we conduct advocacy.

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Laura Platero: With our congressional reps, we've submitted testimony letters, etc. We provide a an electronic legend policy update. We have a funding chart.

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Laura Platero: I know there was a lot of discussion this morning about funding and all of these various streams to keep track of. And what's

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Laura Platero: You know what, you can use the funds for etc. We have a chart that actually tracks, those that we circulate. We have a federal and state call list. So if you want to get on that my emails at the end. Let me know basically helps

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Laura Platero: Those who needs to be on all of these cold calls keep track of what's taking place. We also

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Laura Platero: Can share some PvP information that we've been collecting we we established an amazon business account recently which we can add tribes to it if they use a credit card to purchase things that basically allows you to have special access to a coven 19 marketplace. And that's a recent

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Laura Platero: resource that we discovered apparently amazon business has a tribal liaison there and they're setting up counts for tribes. If you don't want to set up one yourself you can

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Laura Platero: Fall under an umbrella and for for at the health board. We recently received a very large VA Veterans Health Administration donation of pee pee and included

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Laura Platero: K and 95 mass and faith shields and those most of those have been distributed over ship last week to all the tribes in the northwest.

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Laura Platero: And so there's a few more shipments that are going out this week, but just it was pretty. It was a pretty substantial donation and we're very grateful to the BHA so we've worked with IHS and help get those shipped out

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Laura Platero: Let's see, we have a partnership with the CDC foundation we have staff that can support you and your tribes clinics in any way you need. We're about to get

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Laura Platero: 10 people on board that can actually work with you if you need contact tracers

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Laura Platero: We have a grant writer will have a case manager, a public health nurse. Those are all coming on board, very soon. So I'd really love to hear from you. If you're interested in having any

additional support in those areas.

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Laura Platero: We also have some funding and resources that we've distributed to tribe. So we just we receive 3 million and CDC funding and all of that.

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Laura Platero: Went out to all of the tribes in our area was a very simple application that we prepared and, I believe, almost all tribes receive the funds.

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Laura Platero: If you haven't received them. Let me know if just made there just may be some technical issue going on, but everyone should have received those by now.

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Laura Platero: We have about we received \$40,000 for food access. So we have been distributing \$3,000 grants, there's seven still available for any community that would like some additional support to purchase food for community members.

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Laura Platero: And then we just received new CDC funding funding 316,000 we thought it was going to be 50,000 and they just told us it's 316,000 and it's supposed to be for infrared thermometers. That will distribute to clinics.

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Laura Platero: And diabetes kits and so there'll be a number of items in those diabetes kits a pulse oximeter blood pressure cuff.

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Laura Platero: A face masks hand sanitizer diabetic emergencies apply. So we're that we just got that funding. We're going to make sure there's no restrictions we did ask

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Laura Platero: Those funds, you'd be specific for this particular purpose but we just have to make sure that there's no restrictions, but we just got it so more to follow and how you can access that

resource.

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Laura Platero: We also collect data, as I mentioned, with in partnership with the Portland area IHS office. We have 36 I chose Tribal and Urban Indian clinics reporting test to date.

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Laura Platero: And you'll see here 27 our tribal and six IHS clinics with three urban clinics 70% of our tribes reporting in our area at this time. There's 867

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Laura Platero: Positive or known positive cases. I just want to say we don't know of this number. How many are recovered it has, hasn't been collecting that data.

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Laura Platero: And so just wanted to share. It's known positives. Many of these individuals have recovered. We do also collect data from

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Laura Platero: Anyone tested outside of an IQ clinic that reports that to us. So you'll see there's a slight discrepancy in the footnote below.

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Laura Platero: That IHS reports 863 cases. But we had four additional cases reported to us through the reporting mechanism, we also keep track of PP e supply status and you'll see from this that there is

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Laura Platero: In terms of inadequate supply of p, p, there's two tribes that have less than a month words. And we do have on board now person a contractor working with us. Her name is Holly Duffy, and she can actually work with any tribe that's having some issues and accessing p p

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Laura Platero: We also have we also keep track of IQ test kits supplies. As you know, this has been an issue, often on in terms of tribes keeping a steady stream are also having like sufficient

supplies to test

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Laura Platero: Larger scale testing, I should say so.

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Laura Platero: And this does help with advocacy all of this information does help with our policy side sort of advocacy.

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Laura Platero: This, this here is, hold on. It just need to so I can see it this slide here represents the cases and our tracking of the cases today. And you'll see here

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Laura Platero: That the cases from June 21 to June 28 have had, you know, a pretty significant increase, we have seen them go up pretty substantially in the past four weeks. So yeah, that does concern us. We do know there's a couple of hotspot areas in our area.

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Laura Platero: So, so far as I mentioned, there's 867 cases so far with 692 in Washington 104 in Oregon and 71 in Idaho and the, the number on the right, plus 123 plus 29 plus 11 just means that that is the increase from the previous week

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Laura Platero: This slide basically shows where we stand in terms of the national data and you'll see here that we

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Laura Platero: Are number seven, in terms of highest number of cases. So we're more on the on the lower side in terms of what the data is showing nationally

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Laura Platero: And for unfortunately my own nation has been significantly impacted with the Navajo Nation having the most positive

cases 8234 so just thought it was a good idea for you to see where we are in relation to other areas.

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Laura Platero: This is always a hard slide for me to share when I've had to give this report and we've had

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Laura Platero: 22 losses total and the Northwest. Most of those individuals are in Washington State. And I just wanted to, you know, say, I'm really

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Laura Platero: Sorry to have to share this news I know many of you have these individuals are from your community. You know, it's just, it's a really difficult slide share with you all. But it's important to know what's going on and

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Laura Platero: We really don't want to see this number up go anymore.

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Laura Platero: Surveillance survey. This is just the link to encourage any of you that aren't reporting to us to continue to or

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Laura Platero: To get you to see if you'd be willing to support and submit the data, it's so important for us to

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Laura Platero: Have the data on what's going on in your particular clinics. It really does help for advocacy. It's really important to get the number of positive cases into the system.

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Laura Platero: I chest uses information we use this information. So I really encourage you if your tribe hasn't been collecting this information that you

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Laura Platero: Tried to get it into us.

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Laura Platero: This is another resource. I just wanted to share. We do have a data dashboard and this is the link here we have it for both Oregon and Washington. And there's several different data sets that you can look at and you can pull the

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Laura Platero: Data down from our website. This is an example of Washington data, but it does really help us to see what other impacts covert 19 is having this is emergency room data that we're able to get from Oregon and Washington Idaho doesn't have

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Laura Platero: A similar type of system that we can access so unfortunately can't get that data for for Idaho, but this is actually emergency room data and it it does reflect. You can see here that there's

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Laura Platero: Sort of disaster related mental health issues that are occurring within the American Indian, Alaska Native population.

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Laura Platero: And here is my contact information in case any of you have any questions or want to follow up on any of the information that I've, I've shared. Thank you.

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Terri Parr: Okay, more are there do you

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Leonard Forsman: Want to go through the chat.

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Terri Parr: Sure there's several questions in the chat.

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Terri Parr: I'm not sure what the name is Ellen Eleni

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Terri Parr: Yes, we would like a packet of PSA, would this also include urban native nonprofits and Seattle Kendall a saddle Indian health board you IHI access these funds as well. And when did you start tracking code 19 cases in Washington State, and I'll repeat those of you made to

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Laura Platero: Sure. Oops. Can you hear me.

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Terri Parr: Yes. Okay.

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Laura Platero: So let's see. So yes, I just need an email for the PSA or information for you Eleni if I can get your email address, that would be great. Um,

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Laura Platero: In terms of the, the CDC funds, those were specifically for tribes, I'd have to check on the food access funding if you can send me your email, since it's the same individual I can follow up on that with you.

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Laura Platero: So that would be, yeah, you can get in touch with me, that would be great. We started tracking the coven 19 cases in Washington.

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Laura Platero: Well, I just really started doing it. I would say in March and then we took over a partnered with them. I wouldn't say took over, but we partnered with them in

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Laura Platero: April, but the data, you know, the collection started in March.

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Laura Platero: who it is.

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Terri Parr: OK, and then they have put their

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Terri Parr: Contact information in the or their, their email address in the chat, Laura.

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Terri Parr: And then they would like.

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Terri Parr: Can you when when you follow up here. Can you put your email address in the chat as well.

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Terri Parr: Absolutely. Okay, great.

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Leonard Forsman: Okay. Thanks, Laura for the presentation and appreciate all the work you've done for 18 I on a weekly basis throughout this

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Leonard Forsman: Pandemic and work with the other tribes as well.

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Leonard Forsman: And the best of prayers and wishes for the Navajo Nation as they

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Leonard Forsman: Watch this. And, damn it.

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Leonard Forsman: All right. You're welcome.

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Leonard Forsman: Next is National Congress American Indians and we have Kevin and President sharp. I understand. So

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Leonard Forsman: handed over to and say, I thank you for being here.

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Fawn Sharp: Thank you. Thank you, Chairman forsman and over a tribal leadership here in the great civic northwest.

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Fawn Sharp: I before I begin my remarks, I just want to say once again everyone across this country across our region.

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Fawn Sharp: I were keeping you in our daily thoughts and prayers at the Congress. And I also want to just say what a wonderful team we have at NCI. I've worked with many organizations and

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Fawn Sharp: I our team and staff had been just phenomenal working through a global pandemic working through the ratio and

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Fawn Sharp: equity and justice is that we're seeing that inequality. It's just amazing what a team of people can do when we're all working together. So I just wanted to

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Fawn Sharp: First of all, just acknowledge and recognize the incredible challenges that every tribal leader is facing.

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Fawn Sharp: And every citizen is facing across this country and I, we're getting through it stronger and together and that's our one mantra. We want to be able to come out of this pandemic.

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Fawn Sharp: Stronger than ever. And so we have plenty of opportunity to elevate our issues. We have a lot of political leverage. We have an aggressive

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Fawn Sharp: Agenda in holding this administration accountable, you

heard earlier this morning from our attorney at

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Fawn Sharp: NCI Dirk beat so and so every tool that we have available to hold this administration accountable, whether it's through the courts through Congress or through the administration.

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Fawn Sharp: This is a full court press because all across Indian country, we are under attack at our sovereignty, our powers our authority, our

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Fawn Sharp: Funding capacity, providing really for our businesses, all of those things that I just unreal. When you think about what we've been through over the course of the last hundred days.

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Fawn Sharp: So I want to begin just by talking about some of the legislative updates. It's been 45 days since the heroes Act passed out of the house and

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Fawn Sharp: Senator McConnell had expressed that upon returning from recess July 20 they intend to begin discussions on that part of the legislation and so we're going to provide some highlights on that.

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Fawn Sharp: And then we also understand that some of the non Kobe related bills are in the hopper. There's a house bill that I will also dive into a little deeper, as it relates to infrastructure.

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Fawn Sharp: It's HR to. And so this is a \$1.5 trillion package on infrastructure. I've had a conversation with our representative here, Congressman Kilmer

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Fawn Sharp: They see this as an opportunity to broadly defined infrastructure from a perspective of tribal nations. What does infrastructure mean to our communities.

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Fawn Sharp: This is the first part of not only providing for our communities to build infrastructure. This is what they have in mind in terms of an economic recovery plan.

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Fawn Sharp: For the United States. And so those are key areas that we need to be mindful of, we need to be prepared at home have shovel.

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Fawn Sharp: shovel ready projects to go. We anticipate. There's going to be a large package around infrastructure that's going to be part of the

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Fawn Sharp: The recovery plan and moving into this next Congress. I also just want to touch.

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Fawn Sharp: With regard to congressional relationships. Just briefly before I mentioned some of the other issues I've had a conversation with both Speaker Pelosi, as well as

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Fawn Sharp: Some of the leadership on the Senate side and we've talked about the need for tribal nations to not only be engaged in domestic policy, but we also understand there's a great deal of

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Fawn Sharp: International discussion around global economies and the United States. Certainly is facing a an economic. I mean, just some economic

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Fawn Sharp: We challenging times with this pandemic even even far worse than what we experienced in this country in the 2009

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Fawn Sharp: Financial crisis. And so there's a lot of strategic discussion.

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Fawn Sharp: Globally, about how we are going to not only shore up the economy here in the United States, but there are developing countries around the world where this pandemic is making already vulnerable.

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Fawn Sharp: Communities and countries on the brink of just financial collapse. And so I was able to participate in a call with

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Fawn Sharp: The World Health Organization and they had folks that were presenting from the International Monetary Fund, the IMF and the World Bank.

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Fawn Sharp: And they put out a call to action for the international business community to start thinking about how to shore up various economies globally. And in those remarks. They specifically mentioned indigenous peoples and

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Fawn Sharp: We all know we don't have a seat at the International table, but the world recognizes our communities are vulnerable disproportionately impacted by coven

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Fawn Sharp: And we are also lacking the resources and so there's there's that type of discussion.

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Fawn Sharp: Happening. And so I when I had a chance to talk to the Senate leadership as well as Speaker Pelosi, I made that very important point that when the United States is at the table, talking about

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Fawn Sharp: shoring up the US economy and in engaging internationally with an international strategy to uphold countries tribal nations need to be part of those conversations and

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Fawn Sharp: The Senate leadership hadn't really thought about it from that perspective, but they really appreciated those remarks and we're very committed to including tribal nations in those discussions.

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Fawn Sharp: Because from my perspective, everything that we've seen up to this point has been to effectively prop up citizens effectively prop up businesses and effectively prop up our economy.

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Fawn Sharp: But when that second wave happens and it's going to be even more devastating, we need to be prepared, not only from a public health perspective and ensuring our citizens are safe, healthy protecting resilient.

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Fawn Sharp: But certainly our tribal economies, if you could imagine another wave of shutdowns of our casinos and our businesses all across this country, what kind of impact that's going to have on us.

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Fawn Sharp: And with the most recent ruling out of the shale is case that we heard about this morning.

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Fawn Sharp: I thought to myself, there, there is no other prospect on the horizon. We have the heroes act and we have to be very aggressive

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Fawn Sharp: To try to short relief from that I but we have to be thinking of worst case scenario. And how are we going to really prepare our communities from a both a public health perspective as well as our economic viability. We do not want to be

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Fawn Sharp: That vulnerable going into 2021 so I just wanted to make that point that the meetings that we've had with congressional leadership, both on the House and the Senate side.

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Fawn Sharp: So that those are very important conversations that we're going to continue throughout the summer and obviously throughout the

fall and in winter I with regard to code itself.

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Fawn Sharp: Our CEO is going to kind of walk you through some of the things that we are doing that are coated related specific we have so many grants that we're able to provide to tribal nations, we've made 3033 awards, thus far.

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Fawn Sharp: And we have a lot of generosity coming out of many of our donors who are wanting to step up and help tribal nations. So he's going to

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Fawn Sharp: Provide a little more detailed information about that opportunity.

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Fawn Sharp: We are also looking at ways that we can I prepare for a second wave, how can we strategically prepare our communities through the research centers that the EPI centers.

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Fawn Sharp: And be able to really count our data and let the data speak volumes to the the agenda that's in front of us and that agenda is to not only

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Fawn Sharp: Be able to tell our story about the vulnerability and the position that we were in far long before this pandemic.

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Fawn Sharp: But certainly a pandemic has revealed our vulnerability our vulnerability in healthcare vulnerability with with regard to our economies and be able to raise taxes, just to support our, our tribal government so

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Fawn Sharp: That's going to be important information as we continue to elevate the quiet crisis report and the broken promises report to call on Congress to close that gap.

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Fawn Sharp: That put us in this position of vulnerability. And so it's going to be very important for all of us.

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Fawn Sharp: To be able to make sure that our numbers in our data and impacts from Kobe are actually being counted and they're part of the data set that

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Fawn Sharp: Officials are going to be relying on so that's that's very important as well. I also want to touch on social and in racial justice issues we we are reaching out with our partners. We have a very

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Fawn Sharp: Robust cross section of racial equity partners, I was able to participate in a forum with

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Fawn Sharp: Chief hoskin from the Cherokee Nation and Jesse Jackson to open up a conversation we know we have a common story. A common story of oppression. A common story of

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Fawn Sharp: Poverty and in the United States is failing to recognize the level of ratio and justice racial inequalities and so those are conversations that we're not only happy to participate in, but we are working with our partners to lead that conversation.

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Fawn Sharp: I truly believe that this country is is ready for that conversation. I think many throughout the four years that we've been, you know, governing our nation's under this administration citizens, I

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Fawn Sharp: Had a rude awakening that civil rights were not just dealt with in the 1960s, there are still significant racial issues in this country and

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Fawn Sharp: So we know that coming out of this very dark chapter of US history I citizens all across this country come January 2021

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Fawn Sharp: Are going to be ready to have a national conversation about racial justice and and racial equity and we want to be right there with our equity partners to

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Fawn Sharp: To not only lead but shape that national conversation and be prepared to call out the United States to

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Fawn Sharp: Once. And finally, I have some truth about what's what's happened because we can only reconcile this these dark chapters of US history if we confront the realities of what our communities are facing all across our racial equity partner so

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Fawn Sharp: Those are some exciting opportunities and things that have been on the horizon. We're also continuing to work on native vote our census.

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Fawn Sharp: We are very active and engaged and in both of those initiatives that Kevin will touch on. And so again, finally I just want to say how much I appreciate each and every tribal leader.

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Fawn Sharp: This has been difficult to try to manage you know i i reached a dark moment, just a couple of weeks ago, thinking I

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Fawn Sharp: I went through a laundry list of all the direct attacks on tribal sovereignty in this very moment. And if you go on to a link on YouTube. Kevin will share the link

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Fawn Sharp: We had a forum with just some phenomenal tribal leaders all across Indian country and facing a direct attacks on tribal sovereignty.

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Fawn Sharp: At the border at Oak flats at Cheyenne River at mash p. And so these are challenges that I when I started looking at each one of these narratives side by side.

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Fawn Sharp: I really thought to myself, What am I going to be able to say, you know, 1020 years from now when we were under attack like this. What can I say

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Fawn Sharp: That I actually did personally to to help tribal nations in 2021 when we were under a direct attack and and that was that.

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Fawn Sharp: You know, a moment where I really had to think about that as as a President of NCAA I, what did I do, and in 2021 against these assaults and attacks. And so that was a moment that highly motivated me I working with a board.

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Fawn Sharp: We convened a board meeting, we're going to be having a board retreat to set an agenda going into 2021

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Fawn Sharp: Really good conversations with our various regions, we want to make that pivot to be able to have some very active and engaged a strategic agenda for tribal nations.

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Fawn Sharp: And, you know, he and I is is that region that we could just look to you and know that we stand on a solid legacy of tribal leaders that helps shape national policies and national agenda is, and I just so look forward to

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Fawn Sharp: Working with a chairman forsman President forsman and building our agenda going into the November election. And then beyond

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Fawn Sharp: When it comes time to to make that shift and

administration and advance the issues that we know to be true and and
unleash all of that.

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Fawn Sharp: You know energy that we know is behind. I not only our
community, but the black community and and

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Fawn Sharp: Even the non you know people that have been working with
us over the years, they know and understand. We've been trying to
elevate our issues and they're standing right with us to

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Fawn Sharp: To advance our tribal agenda. So, my hands are raised to
each and every one of you to help. Well thank you and will continue to
provide updates and with that Kevin will jump into some details on
some of the highlights that I mentioned, Kevin floors yours.

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Kevin Allis: Thank you, President sharp to him for his men and members
of at and I thank you very much for having us. I know you're pressed
for time and and we're on a schedule. So I'll go through some of this
really quickly to just follow up on on the last thing, President shark
mentioned

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Kevin Allis: NCAA I just so everybody knows through this pandemic. We
are financially sound strong and actually

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Kevin Allis: Bringing people on board and and one of the efforts that
we're going to be doing and you will see that is

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Kevin Allis: to compliment the vision that President sharp as on
engaging our executive VP. And really, you know, getting a better
connected with our tribes in the different regions.

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Kevin Allis: NCAA is going to be posting for for positions next week,
and they are going to be region manager.

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Kevin Allis: And each of those region managers are going to be assigned three regions and their job, eight hours a day is to be working with the regional

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Kevin Allis: VP and all the tribes in that region in holding meetings and convening a sharing of information and outreach. So there'll be coverage you know like you know that the organization really needs to do and and that that that's going to be our management team.

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Kevin Allis: Working with with President sharps vision and getting

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Kevin Allis: Our board, you know, really active in in working with our tribes, we received

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Kevin Allis: An extremely large donation from an individual funder last week with lots of zeros after it, which allow us to ramp up a lot of our programs and fill some spots. We needed to. And I think we'll see that

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Kevin Allis: You'll see that on the issue. I just, I want to also President sharp didn't give yourself enough credit. She also participated in numerous

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Kevin Allis: Hearings over the course of the last month. She testified before the House Oversight Committee on the impact of coven 19 to Indian country, which was

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Kevin Allis: Really important requesting investigation and oversight into the administration's delay of the disbursement that kind of follows in line of that town hall that we had last week, you know, when I was meeting with our each of those chairman that we invited to sit on that panel.

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Kevin Allis: You know, it's, it's the send a strong messages administration.

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Kevin Allis: That you know you can do certain things, but we know it's smoke and mirrors, we see the real damage, you're doing in pulling land from trust taken away assets from tribes blowing up sacred sites, all those kinds of things that that

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Kevin Allis: We really are allowed shout out, you know, getting the hill connected to the failure of this this particular administration and looking out for in the country, President sharp also

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Kevin Allis: On on July 8 coming up, July 8 will testify the floor of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and travel issues within that

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Kevin Allis: Committees jurisdiction and and and and she has a lot of credit for this. On July 17 she'll be testifying before the US civil rights commission on coven

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Kevin Allis: Indian impact on Indian country and and and providing recommendations and the need to update the broken promises report.

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Kevin Allis: She'd been passionate about that it's caught the ears of the US civil rights commission and they're listening and they're going to be moving forward on taking testimony to update some of the stuff that

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Kevin Allis: We've seen on that. I just deleted my email that I wanted to talk to you about, but we have during coven 19 I'ma give you a general numbers because that exact numbers. I just moved the email. I can't find it.

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Kevin Allis: We have reached out to our funders and said, look, if you

want to help Indian country want to

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Kevin Allis: Help NCAA here's what you need to do, whether they be sponsors that are events that we didn't happen in Anchorage, or whether they'd be new pots of money.

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Kevin Allis: We've raised a little over now \$600,000 from our funders that we've issued out in grants to tribes and small amounts Walmart just issued us another

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Kevin Allis: 200,000 that we're going to push out and \$5,000 increments to tribes as needed in the civic engagement place.

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Kevin Allis: We have received over the course of the last year \$1.7 million dollars in funding from funders that have gone out to civic engagement programs across Indian Country, getting them toolkits keeping it up and keeping them up and running.

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Kevin Allis: during the pandemic. When you know tribal governments had the shift personnel and financial resources around civic engagement is is is extremely important. This is not only an election year two senses here.

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Fawn Sharp: And it's

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Kevin Allis: Downtime and either of those is unacceptable. We can't have that happen. We need to get people out to vote in census on the census issue. I just got off a phone call with Congress women Katie Porter, about an hour ago on the Oversight Committee.

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Kevin Allis: We're really concerned about census going dark with us and not communicating about how the data tests have been going with the differential privacy.

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Kevin Allis: Methodology and the algorithm that they're using to protect privacy in the first run of data tests that they did back in March.

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Kevin Allis: The numbers were skewed so bad it totally misrepresented our numbers and who we were. They have done to data test since then.

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Kevin Allis: But refuse to communicate with us on whether you know they those data tests were any better, whether they're tweaking the algorithm and the methodology in a way that doesn't distort our numbers.

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Kevin Allis: And we're really concerned about that because the deadline is sep tember for them to finalize

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Kevin Allis: That they didn't have data avoided boys and methodology and and and if

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Kevin Allis: You know, if we don't get Congress involved in this to say, hey, we need to see this, you know, these data sets, we need to see what you're doing. We need to have some transparency we could be victims of some bad data.

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Kevin Allis: That will impact us for the next 10 years. So Katie Porter is going to work with us and getting some of our colleagues together the send a

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Kevin Allis: Message to director Dillingham and make sure and maybe even call a hearing to make sure that that they extend the time

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Kevin Allis: From September to December where they'll evaluate their methodology, giving them more time because of the pandemic and and and

making sure that we don't have a bad undercount that's

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Kevin Allis: That's where we are pedal to the metal on that is move to the top of our agenda right now because September is fast approaching and and if they cut it short, there were. We could be in

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Kevin Allis: Big trouble. So, and then I just want to talk about our convention, of course, our convention where we're slated to visit the Northwest in the fall. That's the week of November eight.

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Kevin Allis: Right now, we're still on. As for an in person, but but NCAA has been working diligently over the last six day weeks in preparing for a virtual format, similar to what you're doing here we are. We will be prepared.

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Kevin Allis: For either or, and it will probably be a combination of both, you know, at best, I think, I think we all

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Kevin Allis: Have realized that the reality of getting 2000 people in one spot in November's, probably not.

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Kevin Allis: Not good right now, but we are going to have an NCAA event. We are going to have a platform that that allows for all the task force to meet the caucuses to meet

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Kevin Allis: The Congress will convene and run in full and also our general assemblies and we're going to be reaching out

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Kevin Allis: Amy is going to reach out to the LPC very shortly on how we would want to plan a virtual cultural event. So we can you know keep that as a it's an important part of our conventions and moving forward. So it's going to happen.

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Kevin Allis: One way or the other.

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Kevin Allis: It's going to be a really cool engaging event and we'll keep you posted on where we are with that because you're you're important partners for our convention. So with that, Chairman, I'll turn it back over to you for any questions later and

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Leonard Forsman: Look, here is one question in the chat from Pepsi white foot. Do you have a timeline when potential

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Leonard Forsman: Participants will know when conferences cancelled in Portland.

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Kevin Allis: So that's a great question. We were, we had a meeting about it internally yesterday, we have to make sure that if we cancel the in person event before

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Kevin Allis: The Convention Center and the hotels. Let us out of the contract that it doesn't jeopardize our ability to get out of those contracts later.

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Kevin Allis: So that's kind of a, it's going to be a little bit of a legal dance there.

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Kevin Allis: You know, we may know now that there's a nine and 10 chance that we won't be in person. But if we make that affirmative statement today what negative impact will that have on trying to get

out of the contracts later.

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Kevin Allis: Should these events, not be held because of the pandemic because they could. There could be illegal. Well, you know what you'd already decided before we we found out we couldn't have an event. So we'll keep you posted. We got to walk that tightrope law, so we don't get kind of was do that.

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Terri Parr: One one comment from Theresa Sheldon at the DNC. Thank you, and say I for the regional hires for get out the native vote activities super exciting.

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Kevin Allis: We've worked very closely with Theresa and the DNC. She's been great with us and we're happy to help because

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Kevin Allis: As President and chart menton, you know, as we send a message to the folks in Washington today. There's a new set of folks that you know quite file are listening to all this and are going to fill the seats in the next term and and and and

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Kevin Allis: We need to make sure that they they come on board and running in and ready to deal with our issues right away, and she's been great and helping coordinate and communicate

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W. Ron Allen: There is a question.

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Leonard Forsman: Sure, go ahead. Run.

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W. Ron Allen: So the timing Kevin on the convention is is a delicate one because of the reasons you just said, but for us in the northwest.

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W. Ron Allen: Our northwest fundraising team has to reengage with

regard to the sponsors. So that's a that's an issue we need to be. We need to work closely with you and your team.

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W. Ron Allen: So that

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W. Ron Allen: You know, Jeannie Sharon me letter to those of us. We're going to reach out to the northwest tribes and Terry

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W. Ron Allen: We haven't we lost our, our momentum here because of the virus. So I want to raise that question and then I want to ask another question.

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W. Ron Allen: I sent off an email to you and Dante on the unemployment being burst, which has become a problem now for us and Washington. We think elsewhere as well in terms of the process that Department of Labor has been very

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W. Ron Allen: I'm communications community about the process. When do we get the reimbursements for the cost, we're already getting built read the tribes and in Washington. I suspect elsewhere to

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W. Ron Allen: For those reimbursements so even though we're only getting 50% by now we're doing, you know, when we get the 50%. Yep.

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Kevin Allis: So, Chairman Allen, I'll answer that one first. I was texting Dante in response to that this morning.

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Kevin Allis: We are emails, go back and forth that we have to have a quick call on this. We just got it, you know.

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Kevin Allis: Get all the information we got to read reach out and strategize on how to approach labor. So I expect. I'll be later this

afternoon or sometime tomorrow.

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Kevin Allis: I'll pull them again and say, You Look man, I'm chairman now and really wants to get this done. Now I told him I'm open at any time to discuss this, let me know. Sometimes that worked for him.

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Kevin Allis: You know, same with you, Chairman. I'm sure we could jump on a call, you know, 15 minutes and get that wrapped up on the on the first one, you know, so, um, let's chat, because we've already raised \$120,000 in sponsorship for the convention. Alright, we're going to be putting

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Kevin Allis: Our, our message is at this point is the visibility of our sponsors will be greater in a virtual event, then it would necessarily in person event, why we say that is

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Kevin Allis: Our creative team is working on banners and all this kind of stuff that will go on the screen and things that will go across the screen.

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Kevin Allis: Ways to advertise, right, that if you walk in a particular room.

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Kevin Allis: You may not see some banner in the corner on the wall. But when you're looking at a screen, you know, like you're watching a football game or something and something pops up in the corner.

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Kevin Allis: You see it. We're working on creative ways to do that and it will give our sponsors more visibility for whatever they want on that and and and so um you know our, our message on that Germantown is

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Kevin Allis: This is going to be just as valuable for them as it is for us and we'll make it work. Okay. And, and so I'll, I'll make

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Kevin Allis: Sure that he um

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Kevin Allis: Lisa and the events and planning team coordinate with the LTC in short order, we got a couple things you have to tidy up on the on the platform but

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Kevin Allis: The coordinate and in

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Kevin Allis: And make sure we have all this taken care of, because we have a lot of time yet but and and but I think you'll see that the platforms will still offer for that.

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W. Ron Allen: Okay, so we need to know who

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W. Ron Allen: Has contributed so that we can circle that I

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W. Ron Allen: touch base with letter and carry in our team.

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W. Ron Allen: How we reach back out to them. That's a great point that you just made in terms of their of their being recognized me and supportive of NCAA

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Terri Parr: And with regards to the unemployment.

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Terri Parr: Insurance discussion, we will make that

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Terri Parr: Part of the tribal leaders discussion on Thursday morning. Ron and Kevin will join us there as well. And if you talk to Dante invite him. I've got to call in to him, but I haven't heard back from him yet.

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Leonard Forsman: Or

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Kevin Allis: Follow up with a

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Leonard Forsman: President sharp and Kevin for NCAA is engagement today. And I also like to thank you guys for the engagement, you've had with us throughout the pandemic and before that and

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Leonard Forsman: Having you guys here at our conference is so important to our partnership.

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Leonard Forsman: And really appreciate you value in the relationship between 80 and I and say I and and I think that's very exciting news about regional

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Leonard Forsman: assignments that you're going to have employees that will be assigned to the region's looking forward to that too. And that's the luck and appreciate you being on the call.

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Fawn Sharp: Thank you.

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Leonard Forsman: Alrighty. Great. All right, we'll move on. We have

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Leonard Forsman: Brian Mercier from the big regional office in

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Leonard Forsman: Portland is

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Leonard Forsman: Up next,

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Bryan Mercier: Great, thanks. Leonard

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Bryan Mercier: Hey folks, you guys are catching me on a camping trip with my kids out in your wins. There's a slits community.

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Bryan Mercier: But I'm going to take a few minutes today to just give you an update. So hopefully my cameras coming through. All right, and the internet here at the camp seems to be pretty good.

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Bryan Mercier: So I can see let her nodding, so he must be good. Good. Okay. Thanks, appreciate it. Well, thanks everyone for finding a few minutes for me today to give you an update on the Northwest region big

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Bryan Mercier: Obviously a lot going on with us all at the moment with the the the uptick that we're seeing again and the Kofi 19 situation throughout the region.

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Bryan Mercier: You know I speak to many of you, every week on Thursdays at 11am we have our weekly call with about a dozen different federal agencies.

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Bryan Mercier: Including the FEMA IHS USDA Rural Development USDA Food Nutrition Services Noah SBA, etc.

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Bryan Mercier: So I don't want to repeat a lot of that same information. But I do want to make sure that the folks that are on

this call that are not on those weekly calls

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Bryan Mercier: Please do email me your information, so I can get you added to those Thursday calls I find those very valuable.

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Bryan Mercier: You know they exchanged a lot of information travel years change amongst themselves really valuable information that I think is important for us to stay on top of during, during the pandemic.

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Bryan Mercier: But I will briefly just talk a little bit what I've shared with many folks on on those weekly calls is is our status. The Northwest region, we are currently closed in the regional office, largely due to MoMA County and being a

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Bryan Mercier: A hotspot, if you will, we're still in phase one of the reopening here in Oregon and the governor just yesterday's is actually slowing things down quite a bit reissued a new mask.

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Bryan Mercier: Mandate for the entire state. So we are likely to remain in our kind of Max telework situation where all my staff are currently working from home.

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Bryan Mercier: And I'm working from home to normally I'm at my kitchen table. Today I'm at the driver's seat of my clarity with my kids here, be nice and quiet behind me.

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Bryan Mercier: And we're likely to stay in that telos situation for for a while and we have had a few of our field sites theses open consistent with travel directives to reopen

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Bryan Mercier: But we've just recently this week in Fort Hall, where are the Shoshone Banach have

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Bryan Mercier: Have closed the week we're closing our agency there. So we have reopened it gotten to phase two. And now we're backtracking to a close status there as well because of the uptick in Idaho. Idaho has seen a significant jump in the last week.

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Bryan Mercier: We're still able to complete our duties and our work. So hopefully, we're not seeing too much impact on the timeliness of the work products that we're putting out for us. So if you trust applications.

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Bryan Mercier: realty funding for fisheries, all that is continuing and I see a lot of that come across my desktop. And it looks like we're, we're still able to get things done. We're also moving forward with hiring. I think when I first started here. About two years ago just sort of two years.

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Bryan Mercier: I mentioned to you all. We're down almost 30% of our workforce. We're slowly making progress there. So I'm happy to announce today we have a new superintendent AT THE WARM SPRINGS agency, a gentleman named Greg moon will be starting their next month.

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Bryan Mercier: In August, I also would like to be able to announce, but I need to hold off for a little while and or two more superintendents are being hired one a flat head and what at Northern Idaho agency.

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Bryan Mercier: But I still need to get those finalized before I can publicly announced those

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Bryan Mercier: Were also made a quite a few hires in the regional office and our agency offices. So we're slowly making progress on on staffing up and

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Bryan Mercier: And our numbers now rather than 30% understaffed are

about 20% so in two years, we've we've knocked down quite a bit by a third. So I'm pretty happy with that.

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Bryan Mercier: And that should again, kind of a speed things up in the services that we provide to you all.

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Bryan Mercier: On the

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Bryan Mercier: You know, on the front as as far as covidien coronavirus you know there's a lot of information that we are still waiting for our central office review to come out with. We have some FAQs. I saw earlier, there was allow ability of costs session.

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Bryan Mercier: Here on on the conference. And we actually should have some FAQs coming out soon from central office in DC regarding call the phase two was the 450 \$3 million

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Bryan Mercier: At tribal government and welfare assistance that was largely patents and

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Bryan Mercier: 638 contracts. We had some good news last week that those funds are now fungible, so we can actually be reprogram those funds through the TPA accounts, so that's that's good news. And that'll be included in those FAQs. And I just recently saw a memo from

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Bryan Mercier: Listeners office that confirm that. So we are we are on firm ground there that If folks want to reprogram the aid to try to government welfare or vice versa.

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Bryan Mercier: That that isn't allowed that is allowed under the care of the act of flexibility. We discussed that also on our weekly calls quite a bit.

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Bryan Mercier: Well that's good news to share with you all that money there you can program as a tribal government for grownup Irish response or prevention.

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Bryan Mercier: But I'm anxiously awaiting these FAQs, because I think it will address a lot of the questions that are out there about modifying our 638 contracts or self government's compacts to to make use of the funds.

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Bryan Mercier: Unfortunately, we're not able to help as much on the larger song from the phase three, which is the 8 billion that came directly from Treasury.

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Bryan Mercier: But I have been in contact with Nancy Montoya, who's the tribal liaison it at Treasury and they've been updating their FAQ on their website, quite often. And so when those get updated. All right.

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Bryan Mercier: Nancy, I tried to forward that on to you all during our weekly calls

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Bryan Mercier: Yeah, so let me let me pause there. I wanted to get through this quickly. I know we're a little bit short on time and see if there any questions at all from folks and what I will do

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Bryan Mercier: Chairman forsman is I'll just go ahead and put my contact information in the chat for folks who would like to be added to those weekly calls

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Bryan Mercier: We won't have one this Thursday, because of the fourth, but we will start back up next week.

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Bryan Mercier: On this the ninth. We are next weekly call. And again,

I hope we have the FAQs done by the end to share with you all. But I'll look to see if there's any questions in the chat from from the analyst for hand it back to you.

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Leonard Forsman: Thank you. And I want to say thanks again for putting those calls together because that's really been helpful to us in the northwest and

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Leonard Forsman: Because the as you know that we've been on a national calls, which have their own

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Leonard Forsman: You know benefit for us, but it's not the same as hearing from Northwest tribes and we really appreciate you the work you put on and also the fact that you've been able to attract a lot of great

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Leonard Forsman: Resources through this. The representation that we've been able to get so I really appreciate that.

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Leonard Forsman: Looks like there was a question regarding testing sites for the Columbia River fishing and it looks like Laura's been able to

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Leonard Forsman: Kind of help with that. But I don't know if you're familiar with that issue.

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Leonard Forsman: I guess can be River in the admissions been asking for better testing infrastructure or

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Leonard Forsman: You know anything about that one, but

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Bryan Mercier: Yeah. Yeah, actually I do quite a bit.

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Bryan Mercier: Yeah, so we've we've been working with the Oregon Health Authority, at least for the sites that on the Oregon side of

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Bryan Mercier: The Columbia to buy pee pee and test kits through critic to those those sites, we actually early in the season closed. About half of the treaty phishing sites for a few months to try to reduce

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Bryan Mercier: The, the community spread that was occurring. We actually had a small episode out so I little village that concerned us when they had a salmon feast OUT THERE WILL SAY IN APRIL late March.

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Bryan Mercier: But we've been coordinate very quick process was critical to make sure that they have the access to pee pee and testing kits that are out there.

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Bryan Mercier: Working mostly through the Oregon Health Authority to provide that we've also been working closely with IHS Dean sailor, who's on our call our weekly call for the Portland area.

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Bryan Mercier: Has been real ethical on as well. I'm making sure that we get the materials that we need

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Bryan Mercier: We did reopen the sites that we had closed because of the season starting up and not actually will actually allow the fishermen to have more space to go out and and

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Bryan Mercier: And fish, a little bit more socially distant in the end zone six, we call it, which is the the john de pool and above Bonneville damn which is, you know, largely the fishing zone for for our trouble fishers

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Bryan Mercier: But yeah, we actually I'm scheduled. I'm trying to schedule. I should say a meeting with the fishers themselves in the coming weeks to talk about the use of masks and the use of the site's going forward during the pandemic and making sure that we get them access to to pp.

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Leonard Forsman: Okay, well thank you and enjoy your vacation well earned vacation. You're having there and appreciate you working during it as well and say hello to the family for us.

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Bryan Mercier: Appreciate that. Thanks, on the phone.

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Leonard Forsman: Okay. Well, next we have census and

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Leonard Forsman: We have a presentation on the phone from Jessica. I'm a Toshi for census. Are you on Jessica.

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12024412303: Hi. Yes, I am.

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12024412303: Can you hear me okay

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Leonard Forsman: Yes, we can hear you loud and clear.

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12024412303: Okay, great. Thank you for having me. Apologies on some trouble noise like Brian. I'm also traveling today.

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12024412303: Um, but happy to participate. I know that Elena and Shana do provide weekly updates at and I so we're happy to provide additional updates today as well. And I want to start with exciting news.

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12024412303: Or update leave operation is is closing out wrapping up. Um, we have been very successful with our update leaf operation, even though it was the way due to the coven pandemic and we had to be on the whole for a while.

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12024412303: tribes were very gracious, even though many of them were under Closure and letting us come on to their lands and go ahead and move forward with the daily operation.

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12024412303: And that's been great, because many of the at and I tried have had some of the best response rates in the nation. And so I'll go over the top three really quickly to have separate

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12024412303: That's right.

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12024412303: Port Gamble has 77% and feel all that has a 68% self response rate on all three of these are much higher

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Leonard Forsman: You broke up a little bit. There was, did you name the three tribes again.

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Leonard Forsman: I did.

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12024412303: For gamble 77

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12024412303: And

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Leonard Forsman: You really making up now.

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12024412303: Okay, can you hear me.

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12024412303: Now,

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Terri Parr: We can hear you smell bad.

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12024412303: Okay, I'm

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12024412303: Good.

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12024412303: Price is at 2%

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12024412303: Higher than that.

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12024412303: It's still have work to do, though, because we have several

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12024412303: People response rate. So we do want to keep moving forward. We do want to keep working. And so we get to that hundred percent mark as we look forward. We're going to start moving into non response follow up, which is our next major operation status originally slated to began in

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12024412303: August based on our revised timeline. But as we slowly phased into update leave earlier than expected. We're going to be doing the same with non response follow up.

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12024412303: So we are looking to start beginning with non response follow up in mid to late July, and even though you know the timelines posted based on our revised timelines. We had that slated to begin in August, we may be able to get out into the field earlier. At least, that's our hope.

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12024412303: So as we start doing that, you know, I'm asking Trump's to please work closely with their tribal liaisons because

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12024412303: Although our update leave operation was no contacts we weren't knocking on doors, we were simply just leaving a packet of information at a housing unit non response follow up does require knocking on doors and possible contacts, although safety does

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12024412303: Continue to be, you know, our first concern. And so we do have staff that are going through coach training and that do have p, p, and they are equipped, you know, to be able to conduct this a slight delay as possible.

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12024412303: So again, we would be looking at starting our non response follow up operation in mid to late July.

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12024412303: I we do realize that many tribes do remain closed and or are

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12024412303: Starting to go back to stricter guidelines around closures.

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12024412303: We recently mailed out at six three minder notice and we have also send invitation postcards to peel boxes.

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12024412303: Encouraging response we typically don't mail to peel

boxes. However, given you know the quarantine climate, we are trying to increase communication and engagement.

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12024412303: And as many ways as possible so that six reminder letter has gone out and an invitation to peel boxes has recently gone out so you may hear folks saying that they have received something in a P. O. Box, although that typically would not normally happen.

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12024412303: We want to thank the tribes for allowing us to move forward. We know it's been a big ask and we are in this together. And so your commitment to a complete count has really

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12024412303: helped us get to where we are in a lot of these self response rates and it's, there's also been a lot of creativity and connecting with tribal members. And so I want to highlight some of that.

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12024412303: I don't know if folks have had a chance to see. I think it's human Tillis 2020 cents. This billboard, but it was absolutely beautiful.

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12024412303: Um, there's been a lot of billboard postings and using casino marquees to advertise the 2020 census and that's been great at getting the word out.

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12024412303: There's been several virtual events and Raffles on various platforms including social media, which has been really exciting to you know log on and watch live

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12024412303: On quarterly. And just recently posted a new census videos. So if you haven't had a chance to check that out. I would encourage you to do so.

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12024412303: And many tribes have put census flyers and covert

information that's going out to tribal members as well as in food boxes and so that's been great. And then I did see

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12024412303: Not led fund sponsored a virtual census can erase and Lewis Canoe Journey this year. And I think that that was a really fun and creative best practice idea. And so we will continue and hopefully you will continue. Some of these creative gateways to engage

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12024412303: As we move through July and August.

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12024412303: Let me think. We are also going to be starting our group quarters operation in July and group quarters includes impatient hospitals.

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12024412303: Treatment Centers nursing and assisted living facilities boarding schools COLLEGE DORMS anywhere where folks.

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12024412303: Are housed or staying temporarily that would not or even permanently that that's not a typical home and so tribal partnership specialist will be reaching out and contacting you about any

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12024412303: Tribal owns group quarters and or tribal organization ran group quarters locations.

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12024412303: And finally, I do want to recognize that tribes have continued to do what we always do best. And so that is be resilient protect our people and make our voices heard. And so the this annual census.

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12024412303: And a complete count for your tribe really means all three of these things. And those things being reflected in data.

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12024412303: I heard President sharp talk about the importance of data, having accurate data and her NCAA updates, including census data.

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12024412303: And I couldn't agree more. I mean, data is the state is going to be what you use for the next 10 years. And so we want to make that as accurate and as complete as possible.

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12024412303: And so we can't thank you enough for your partnership in that regard. I also heard Kevin talk a little bit about the concerns around data avoidance and data disclosure

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12024412303: And so I would really encourage tribes as they start to evaluate the impact of this change that and they director comments to director Dillingham that they also include D Alexander and our Tribal Affairs Office.

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12024412303: Because you know those comments are going to be really, really critical in terms of how that's evaluated. So you know if if tribes are concerned about this, please look at the impact and get your comments into director Dillingham and D Alexander

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12024412303: And those are my updates and I'm happy to take any questions. And if he and I want to share my contact information and the chat box, that would be great.

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Leonard Forsman: Okay. Well, thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to speak with us. And I appreciate all the engagements that's done with 89

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Leonard Forsman: Individual tribes and we look forward to a good solid, you know, despite the obstacles additional obstacles that we have here. So I don't see anything else in the chat. We will provide some information.

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Terri Parr: Leonard. Can I just

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Go ahead.

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Terri Parr: I just want to say that I'm sure you've met till I appreciates the receiving the credit, but I think just to, you know, share the credit where credit is due. I think that billboard is from the Klamath tribe.

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12024412303: Oh, thank you, Terry. Thanks for that correction appreciate that.

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Leonard Forsman: your contact information is in the chat. So if we have anybody else. And what's more information on this past presentation this current presentation. Can you can email or call Jessica and she can get back to you, alright with that one.

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12024412303: You're welcome.

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Leonard Forsman: We moved to the closer. Here we have Ryan Romero's from the Democratic National Committee and also Squamish tribe and

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Leonard Forsman: Is here in place of Teresa and it's going to give us an update on the get out the vote efforts in any country. Thank you, Ryan.

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RionRamirez: Oh,

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RionRamirez: We shouldn't easy. Hello, my friends. Um, yeah. My name is Ryan Romero's and I do chair the Native American caucus for the DNC.

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RionRamirez: And I think my talk is going to more so be about kind of the work that we've been doing as the native caucus, as well as to kind of end by spending some time talking about

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RionRamirez: The work we're doing on the platform committee for the DNC as well. So, I mean, one of the things that I think you've seen this go round on this presidential cycle is that that Indian country has been able to be more engaged.

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RionRamirez: Than any time.

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RionRamirez: In history in terms of dealing with with these candidates. We've we during the primary season, we were able to have, you know, close to 10

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RionRamirez: tables with tribal

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RionRamirez: Leaders and the different candidates. We have to with Elizabeth

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RionRamirez: Warren, we have two with Bernie.

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RionRamirez: Sanders. We had Kamala Harris, we had mayor, Pete. We had Tim bullock, we had lots and lots of engagement in terms of people making the time and doing the work.

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RionRamirez: To engage in the country, including you know all those candidates putting forth robust platforms on Indian country addressing things like the all the font fix Car Care.

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RionRamirez: You know fee to trust you know putting putting in place a cabinet level position for us in terms of being country the engagement and stuff that we have seen in this presidential

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RionRamirez: election cycle is something that I'm really, really proud of, you know, I've had the opportunity over the last couple of weeks to spend some time with Vice President Biden in terms of

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RionRamirez: You know his position and his take on Indian country and, you know, I think we got to remember how progressive and how influential and how historic the Obama Biden presidency was

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RionRamirez: Vice President Biden gets full credit for everything that President Obama did in that administration, including vow.

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RionRamirez: And we need to remember the good times that were under the Obama administration and the need for all of us to get out in this historic time

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RionRamirez: And vote. Vote, vote. I mean, we are the the embodiment of our

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RionRamirez: Ancestors in terms of who didn't have the right to vote. My grandmother. Who's, who's passed was born before you know any of us got before any country got the right to vote.

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RionRamirez: My, my father grew up primarily as a youth in a boarding school. Our, our history and our, you know, persistence, to exist is something that we need to take pride in. And part of that is taking pride and getting out in voting.

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RionRamirez: And doing it in taking all your friends, getting out and organizing and doing as much as we can in that regard. We've also seen

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RionRamirez: Since we've had the presumptive nominee in terms of Vice President Biden. We've also at the DNC been able to engage in terms of these tribal leader, as well as community based

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RionRamirez: Zoom meetings. We were able to have, you know, one more. More recently with Elizabeth Warren, we had, you know, some hundred and 50 or so.

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RionRamirez: Of our closest friends. Join us and register in that regard, we had Kamala Harris. Again, we had, you know, an excess of 130 people sign up and join us on that we had over 86 different tribes represented on that call.

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RionRamirez: We also had a youth call in terms of trying to engage and do outreach to bring the youth and inspire the youth.

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RionRamirez: To get involved in terms of this historic election and we have you know a whole lot more to come in in that regard. Additionally, I did put in

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RionRamirez: The chat and we'll add some more stuff in that regard, in terms of the just more recently announced position for Native American engagement on the Biden campaign. So there's a link in the chat link in terms of anybody who's interested

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RionRamirez: In applying for that position. I did include that in the chat line also include some stuff on the platform.

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RionRamirez: Committee. So right now the platform committee is kicking off in terms of the drafting committee, which we're very blessed that center or

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RionRamirez: Chairman Perez, as well as Vice President Biden appointed Deb Hollen to serve on that. And that's a position that really takes the lead in writing the platform. There is also

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RionRamirez: You know, to other NATO's on that platform committee being myself as well as Raina Thiele. We've both been active and engaged with Deb, and her team.

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RionRamirez: In terms of the work that the drafting committee on the platform side has started to do their first hearing was yesterday. Their next hearing is on

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RionRamirez: Tomorrow from five to 10 Eastern on and then there's another book which is on a vision for a more equitable future and then July 2

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RionRamirez: At five to 8pm again Eastern the platform drafting committee is working on restoring the soul of America. And then finally the drafting committee. Well, so have a

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RionRamirez: kind of wrap up committee meeting on July 15 after that we will engage in terms of full committee on July 27 where the platform committee will

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RionRamirez: Begin to do the work of making amendments and changes to the, the draft that the drafting committee has put together. Yesterday, the DNC did launch a digital engagement campaign.

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RionRamirez: In terms of being able to submit your comments and in terms of what you think need to be included in the Democratic National Committee's platform for Indian country I'm, again, I mean that you submit those through WWW dot stories that democratic or

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RionRamirez: Damn convention.com i'm going to

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RionRamirez: Put all that stuff in the link in the in the chat link.

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RionRamirez: For folks in terms of so they have kind of the timeline there as well as some of the additional information associated with all of that I think

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Leonard Forsman: As far as getting out the vote, which we're trying to 60 of these in the obstacles being kind of broken down to getting people to the polls.

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RionRamirez: Oh yeah, I mean,

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RionRamirez: We on the DNC side have done a lot in terms of litigation in terms of fighting to

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RionRamirez: For folks getting the right to vote, as well as fighting for the vote by mail stuff. So that's something that's incredibly important to us as a party. I know.

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RionRamirez: You know, for those of us in Washington State. It's kind of funny to hear the President and others complain a vote by mail when we've had

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RionRamirez: vote by mail for so long. And many of our, you know, tribal governments have even gotten the step of having a Dropbox on their reservation. I know us here at Squamish, you know, Chairman you've been

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RionRamirez: An incredible I have good in terms of fighting to make sure that the tribes voices heard. And right in the front of the tribal center there's a drop box to drop off your ballot.

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RionRamirez: So, you know, we've been working really hard in Indian country for a long time in in that regard. So you know there's there's a lot of other stuff.

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RionRamirez: That the DNC is doing in terms of, you know, funding opportunities in South Dakota in Arizona and Wisconsin in terms of getting on and in Washington State.

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RionRamirez: In terms of getting staffers in place from in the country to help get out the vote in that regard but us and me on the national level. I mean, I think the

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RionRamirez: Biggest part of stewardship that we can do to help engage in the country is on that platform committee right now.

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RionRamirez: It's going to be short timelines. It's going to be quick turnaround. But if folks have comments questions or things they want to see included, I would encourage them to go to that site.

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RionRamirez: And input some of their information or they can also do outreach to myself. I'm going to do a call with, you know, some of the folks from NCI on Thursday, but I'm open and rain and I are looking to engage and help facilitate on the drafting committee side in conjunction with

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RionRamirez: The agenda for in

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RionRamirez: Terms of what they're putting together. So, you know,

we're committed to making sure we have you know a robust

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RionRamirez: Strong platform for Indian country so that everybody can see the commitment that that the Democratic Party and Vice President Biden have in regards to doing right by us in the country.

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Leonard Forsman: Right. Thank you. Yeah. Any, any comments or questions.

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Terri Parr: Chat.

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Terri Parr: In the chat box. Joel was asking, is there any made a VP candidates.

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RionRamirez: Hey, I want you know I think

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RionRamirez: We've definitely got some so that we can look to in terms of Peggy Flanagan to pollen, you know, sure he's David's or even, you know, Paula, Jordan, who's running for Senate in

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Leonard Forsman: What about job offer. Do you

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RionRamirez: Mean

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RionRamirez: Well I except for the Vice President said he was picking a woman. So we're not

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RionRamirez: We're not going to Joel. Joel Just

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RionRamirez: On the outside of them.

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Leonard Forsman: All right, good question, and Patsy said

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Leonard Forsman: This was just a trap relations platform was adopted.

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RionRamirez: Yeah, and she and thank you. Patsy for for sending that to me and I will take a look at that and I've already forwarded that on terrain and Devin I so

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RionRamirez: You know that's that's definitely good information and and thank you for the hard work you did in terms of on that and we'll take a look at it. Okay.

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Leonard Forsman: Well, thanks. Ryan for everything and good hard work and we look forward to everybody getting out voting.

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Leonard Forsman: So we're going to go towards our journey in this session. Thank you for everybody who worked on this. I understand oil is going to buy lunch today. Is that true

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RionRamirez: Might all know

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Leonard Forsman: This is your chance.

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Leonard Forsman: And Terry, I go ahead, leave to you and James to kind of tell us what's going to happen over the next couple days here.

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Terri Parr: And there. If you go to the website, there were, there is

a list of a pre recorded sessions meetings that are taking place this afternoon. And then, tomorrow we will be in virtual rooms with the

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Terri Parr: The committee meetings and all of those are listed on the website as well. You just need to click on them to get in. But you have to do it, you know, time where you can get into early or else he would be in the

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Terri Parr: previous session. So both of those links are on the website committee meetings tomorrow and today is pre recorded sessions this afternoon.

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James Parker: So Terry, if I can say it's not just listed on our website. It's on an unlisted page that you had to access by registering for a TI.

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James Parker: And so everybody who's on this, on this list. I just shared that link, hopefully you got it via email when you registered. It's also in the chat box right now. So I go ahead and click it and book market and has our pre recorded content.

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James Parker: As well as, like, like Terry said tomorrow's schedule as well as each zoom link and time. So, yeah.

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James Parker: Being shared right now in the screen so

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Leonard Forsman: So essentially, when you register just got a confirmation email saying thank you for registering

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Leonard Forsman: Is that the one that we go to

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Leonard Forsman: Yeah. Follow it out.

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James Parker: Yeah, it should have it this the link to this page that you're seeing right now, you should have received that link when you registered and when I gave you a confirmation

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W. Ron Allen: Yeah, you just pulled it up every one of the links are in there and the times. It works great. Excellent. Nice job.

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Leonard Forsman: Yeah, well done. So if you're having trouble that see Jeff Smith having trouble getting the agenda. You can email.

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Leonard Forsman: James here and he can recall James and get up.

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Leonard Forsman: Get that worked out okay with that. Do we have anything else here before we adjourn. I know we all got other meetings to get to. So enjoy the afternoon and the committee meeting started at what time tomorrow.

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Jeanie Louie: At

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Leonard Forsman: 8am. So enjoy that. And we'll see you in the virtual hallways of at and I

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Leonard Forsman: Job, everybody. Thank you.

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Terri Parr: Notes

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Terri Parr: Very sorry

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Terri Parr: About to Layla been Jayla for sponsors for today.

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Leonard Forsman: Thank you.

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Leonard Forsman: Yes, I'll go have some popcorn on their behalf.

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Leonard Forsman: Guys.

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Leonard Forsman: We are adjourned. Thank you.