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Joe Finkbonner
Executive Director
Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
2121 SW Broadway, Suite 300
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Dear Mr. Finkbonner:

I'm writing to inform you that President Obama has appointed me the new Regional Director for Region 10 of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, based in Seattle, WA. The press release announcing my appointment is attached.

I look forward to working with you and your staff on health issues facing Northwest Tribal communities, and I hope you will feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or issues with this Department. Our mission, to promote health care for all Americans and essential human services for our most vulnerable populations, is more important than ever.

I hope to travel to Portland soon, and I will contact your office when I am in the area to see if we can meet briefly in order to discuss the ways in which my office may be of service to you and the people you serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Johnson", written over a horizontal line.

Susan Johnson
Regional Director

Enclosure