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**DATE:** February 18, 2010  
**TO:** Tribal Leaders, Health Directors, Board Delegates  
**FROM:** Jim Roberts, Policy Analyst   
**SUBJECT:** House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee Hearings  
Native American Issues – March 23-24, 2010

I want to let you know that the information about the House Interior Subcommittee on Appropriations public witness hearings is available at their website and attached. March 23-24, 2010 will be hearing dates for Native American issues (depending on how many requests are received). The deadline to submit requests to testify is March 1, 2010.

If you would like to submit a request to testify, please send an email to [INApprop.Detailee@mail.house.gov](mailto:INApprop.Detailee@mail.house.gov). In the email please state who will be testifying, the subject of the testimony and contact information. You may also submit this information via fax at 202-225-9069. If sending a fax, please notify the subcommittee at 202-225-3081.

Here is a bit of news concerning new staff at the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee. For those of you who have not heard, Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, will be the last day for Beth Houser at the Committee. Beth has become a good friend to us at the Board and we will miss her. She always reached out to us for expertise on the IHS budget. Beth's colleague, Julie Falkner, will be handling the Indian Health Service portfolio following her departure. As well, in case you haven't heard, Greg Knadle has also left the subcommittee.

With the changeover in subcommittee staff, this year will be ever important for Tribal leaders to get before the subcommittee and provide testimony. We need to begin the important process to acquaint the new staff with Northwest budget issues related to BIA and IHS. We will have our IHS Annual Budget Analysis out shortly and in time for the subcommittee hearings.

We have submitted Andy Joseph, Jr., NPAIHB Chairperson, to provide testimony on behalf of the NW Portland Area Indian Health Board.

If you should have any questions, feel free to contact me at (503) 228-4185 or by email at [jroberts@npaihb.org](mailto:jroberts@npaihb.org).

House Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

**Instructions for Requesting to Provide Testimony for the  
Public Witness Hearing**

**March 23 and 24, 2010 (Native American issues)  
*and*  
March 25 and 26, 2010 (other issues)**

**B-308 Rayburn House Office Building**

Public witness hearings on **Native American issues** will be heard on March 23 and 24, 2010 with two sessions on March 23 at 9:30 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. and one session on March 24 at 2:00 P.M. Public witness testimony on **other issues related to programs in the subcommittee's jurisdiction** will be heard on March 25 and 26, 2010, at 9:30 A.M. each day.

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