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Center for Indian Country Development  
Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis  
900 Hennepin Avenue  
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Dear Partners with Indian Country,

The Center for Indian Country Development at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis is to be commended for focusing its efforts on Native American homeownership and mortgage lending on trust lands.

Creating homeownership opportunities in Indian Country requires multi-sector coordination. Beyond the legacy investments made by programs geared towards supporting low-to-moderate housing, such as HUD's 184 and NAHASDA programs and USDA Rural Development, and the concerted efforts of Tribes themselves, further efforts are needed to facilitate federal and private investments, develop trust lands, and increase institutional and individual capacity to support homeownership.

The CICD's three year initiative will begin the process of identifying concrete actions that brings the American Dream of home ownership into Indian Country.

Thank you for your efforts to make real and lasting progress on this issue.

Sincerely,



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