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Representative Mursau,

I appreciate the opportunity to serve on the Special Committee on Tribal Relations and represent the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) in this effort. At this time, DWD would like to bring forth two issues for consideration for the agenda for the first meeting of the committee.

We suggest examining ways in which we can improve the unemployment insurance system for Native Americans and get input from the tribes on what changes they would like to see - this was one of the top issues that was raised during our last consultation with the tribes in December. One other item of special interest is the provision of workforce training for Native Americans living on reservations. The North Central Workforce Development Board has begun providing itinerant job center services at the Lac du Flambeau reservation and I believe that the Northwest Workforce Investment Board is examining doing the same with a tribe in their area.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues and again, I look forward to working with you on this committee.

Kindly,

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