



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

The Honorable Raúl Grijalva
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Grijalva:

Thank you for your letter requesting to transfer support for the Healthy Native Babies Project (HNBP) from the National Institutes of Health to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) – Maternal and Infant Health Division. I appreciate hearing from you on this important issue. The health and well-being of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) mothers and infants is a priority for the Administration. To help improve the well-being of AI/AN infants, the HNBP has provided culturally appropriate information about strategies for reducing the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and other sleep-related causes of infant death.

The *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) is actively engaged with other Department of Health and Human Services staff and operating divisions, including the CDC, to administer this program. As these discussions progress, NICHD will continue offering HNBP-related materials for free through its Information Resource Center, and the HNBP webpage will remain live. The NICHD-led Safe to Sleep[®] campaign will also continue to provide a free booklet and one-page handout geared toward AI/AN audiences as part of its suite of outreach materials.

Thank you again for your letter and taking time to provide your recommendation for the future of this important program. If you have further questions about the HNBP, please have your staff contact the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Legislation at (202) 690-7627.

Sincerely,

Xavier Becerra

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