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The Honorable Brooke Rollins
United States Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20250

**RE: Requesting Nation-to-Nation Consultation about USDA’s Reorganization Plan**

Dear Secretary Rollins,

On behalf of [Tribal Nation/Tribal Organization], I am writing to request that you engage in formal Nation-to-Nation consultation regarding USDA’s Reorganization Plan. This plan represents a very significant change in USDA’s operations. As governments who regularly work with USDA, we wish to speak with you formally to discuss the challenges and opportunities this plan represents for our communities, including the farmers, ranchers, food business owners, and families who rely on USDA’s services as they feed our nation and the world.

We thank you for acknowledging the sovereign nature of Tribal governments in your Secretary Memo 1078-010. As sovereign governments, Tribal Nations have a very unique government-to-government relationship with the federal government, and USDA should engage with Tribes on this matter as governments, not merely as stakeholders.

We urge USDA to schedule formal Tribal consultation before August 26, 2025. However, we understand that the Office of Tribal Relations does not yet have an appointed Director in place, which may make it more challenging for your staff to schedule formal Tribal consultation. If formal Tribal consultation on this reorganization plan takes place after August 26, 2025, we ask that USDA commit to Tribal Nations that the Department will refrain from either finalizing or implementing any reorganization plan until formal Tribal consultation has taken place.

We look forward to sitting in Nation-to-Nation consultation with USDA on your reorganization plan as soon as possible.

Sincerely,