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The Honorable Ken Calvert
Chairman
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Title I of Division F of the Explanatory Statement accompanying the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235), directed the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) to publish the results of the most recent Johnson-O'Malley (JOM) student count.

The enclosed document shows the results of the 2014 JOM student count. The 2014 student count process started July 1, 2014. The JOM contractors and potential JOM contractors submitted their counts to their respective Education Line Officers, who in turn submitted the information to the BIE Washington, D.C. office for tabulation. The original deadline for submission of data was September 15, 2014. However, to ensure the BIE heard from as many locations as possible, the count was extended to December 31, 2014.

The final 2014 JOM student count identifies 341,126 eligible American Indian students from a total of 556 entities of which 399 provided information. This final count is self-reported from JOM contractors and has not been verified by BIE. In spring of 2015, BIE will conduct consultations with federally recognized tribes, existing JOM programs, urban Indian communities, public schools and tribal organizations about the methodology that will be used to allocate JOM funding based on the updated 2014 student count. As detailed in the March 4, 2015 Federal Register notice, there will be two in-person consultation sessions and two online consultation sessions.

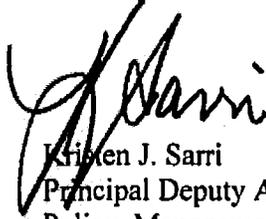
As background, the initial JOM student count was conducted in 1995, at the direction of the House and Senate Appropriations committees. A total of 357 entities, such as tribes, tribal organizations, public schools and previously private schools, submitted JOM student counts in 1995. That student count identified 271,884 eligible American Indian students.

If you have questions or need further information regarding this nationwide JOM student count, please contact BIE Director, Charles Roessel, at 202-208-6123.

A similar letter has been sent to the Honorable Betty McCollum, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, Committee on Appropriations,

House of Representatives; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chairman, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, Committee on Appropriations, United States Senate; and the Honorable Tom Udall, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, Committee on Appropriations, United States Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Sarri", written over a printed name and title.

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Policy, Management and Budget

Enclosure