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Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to request your participation and support for the 2016 Census of Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies (CTLEA) being conducted by the NORC at the University of Chicago (NORC) on behalf of the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS). The survey is designed to collect information from tribal law enforcement agencies, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) law enforcement offices, and Village Public Safety Offices (VPSOs) on agency characteristics, functions and needed resources.

The CTLEA is part of BJS's on-going efforts to expand statistical activities related to American Indian and Alaska Native crime and justice issues under the Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA). TLOA expanded the role of BJS to establish and implement a tribal data collection system and requires that BJS report to Congress annually the data collected and analyzed in accordance with the act (P.L. 111-211, 124 Stat. 2258, § 251(b)).

The CTLEA will collect data on tribal law enforcement administrative and operational characteristics, including, but not limited to, staffing, training, budgets, work activities and functions, technology, and information sharing between law enforcement agencies. In the next few months, we will be conducting outreach to subject matter experts in tribal law enforcement to consult on the survey design and topics covered. The enclosed flyer provides more information on the CTLEA.

For comments or questions about the CTLEA program, please contact **Steven W. Perry, BJS Program Manager**, at 202-307-0777 or e-mail at Steven.W.Perry@usdoj.gov.

We hope that you see the value of this survey and will help us promote its development and completion with your fellow tribal leaders from across the country.

Sincerely,

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Enclosed