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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) is currently recruiting to fill delegate vacancies in the Nashville area (Delegate and Alternate), Portland Area (Delegate and Alternate), and (7) additional alternate positions in the remaining areas listed below. The alternate positions are not required to be affiliated with the same tribe as the primary delegate. For a thorough understanding of the primary and alternate roles, please see the [TAC Charter](#).

Nominated area delegates must be qualified to represent the views of tribes within the area, be an elected tribal leader, and work in their official capacity. Please share the vacancy announcement with your tribal leader partners located in the Albuquerque, Billings, California, Nashville, and Portland areas, and encourage them to nominate elected tribal officials to represent their area on the TAC. Please share this message broadly with tribal leaders to encourage them to nominate candidates for the (4) National At-Large Tribal Member alternate vacancies.

CDC is the leading public health agency in the United States. For more than 75 years, CDC has protected health and promoted quality of life through the prevention and control of disease, injury, and disability. CDC shares its focus on health protection with ATSDR, its sister agency. ATSDR serves the public by using the best science, taking responsive public health actions, and providing trusted health information to prevent harmful exposures and diseases related to toxic substances. As federal agencies, CDC and ATSDR recognize their special commitment to Indian tribes and are dedicated to fulfilling their critical role in promoting tribal health and safety. In 2005, CDC and ATSDR established the TAC to advise the two agencies. The TAC provides input and guidance on policies, guidelines, and programmatic issues affecting the health of Indian tribes.

Information about the vacant seats, eligibility, selection criteria, and nomination procedures is attached to this letter and can be found on the [Tribal Advisory Committee webpage](#). CDC/ATSDR is recruiting for these TAC vacancies through **Friday, March 15, 2024**. If you have questions or concerns about the TAC or the nomination process, please contact the Office of Tribal Affairs and Strategic Alliances at [TribalSupport@cdc.gov](mailto:TribalSupport@cdc.gov). We look forward to continuing to strengthen the relationship between tribal governments, CDC, and ATSDR to promote the health of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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