

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 9, 2009

The Honorable Ron Solimon  
Chairman of the Board of Directors  
National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development  
953 East Juanita Avenue  
Mesa, Arizona 85204

Dear Mr. Chairman:

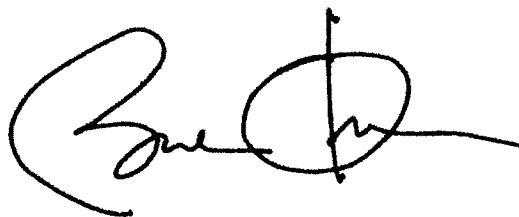
Thank you for your leadership in coordinating the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Reservation Economic Summit and American Indian Trade Fair. Your work to bring key stakeholders together each year demonstrates your ingenuity and initiative in improving opportunities for American Indians.

The theme you have selected—*Going Global, Thinking Green, and Generating Growth*—focuses on actions central to my economic recovery plans for Indian Country and throughout the United States. I worked diligently with Congress to ensure that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act would include many of Indian Country's long-sought economic development priorities. The conference creates an important opportunity to provide details on access to critical federal funding in the Recovery Act, including tax exempt bond financing as well as funding for community and economic development projects in housing, schools, transportation and infrastructure, and energy.

Your guidance in helping American Indians realize these benefits serves as a model to others and will positively impact the success of this effort. It will take time to create real change, but conferences like this are an essential contribution.

Again, I commend you on your work to stimulate business and economic development in Indian Country. I encourage you to continue this important dialogue on the Recovery Act's implementation and other initiatives to spur growth across the country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be Barack Obama's signature, written in a cursive style.