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**SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

The Honorable Thomas D. Wooten  
Tribal Chairman  
Samish Indian Nation  
PO Box 217  
Anacortes, WA 98221-0217

Dear Chairman Wooten:

**Subject: Review of Indian Housing Block Grant –American Rescue Plan Annual Performance Report (IHBG-ARP APR) for Program Year Ended 2021**

The Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA), at Section 404, as amended, applies to IHBG-ARP and requires the Department of Housing and Urban Development to assess, at least annually, each recipient's performance under the Act. This letter is to inform the Samish Indian Nation (Tribe) that HUD has completed the review of the Tribe's IHBG-ARP Annual Performance Report (APR) for the program year ended 2021. The review was designed to evaluate the APR and provide comments to recipients on data quality and overall performance. The following performance measures were considered:

Whether the Tribe:

- carried out its eligible activities in a timely manner;
- carried out its eligible activities and certifications in accordance with the requirements and the primary objectives of NAHASDA and with other applicable laws;
- has continuing capacity to carry out activities;
- complied with the IHBG-ARP Indian Housing Plan (IHBG-ARP IHP); and
- submitted an accurate IHBG-ARP APR.

The Northwest Office of Native American Programs' (NwONAP) review was limited to an examination of the IHBG-ARP APR submission and information readily available and would not necessarily disclose all deficiencies or matters of noncompliance. NwONAP's review disclosed that the APR is complete, and the Tribe has complied with the IHBG-ARP IHP in carrying out its eligible activities in a timely manner. The review did not disclose any deficiencies or noncompliance with applicable laws and regulations; therefore, NwONAP offers no recommendations.

NwONAP congratulates the Tribe on its achievements and its participation in the IHBG-ARP program. NwONAP looks forward to working with the Tribe to provide any technical assistance that may be necessary.

If you have any questions, or if NwONAP can be of assistance, please contact Melanie Fisher, Grants Evaluation Specialist, at (206) 220-5230, or by email at [Melanie.A.Fisher@hud.gov](mailto:Melanie.A.Fisher@hud.gov); or Andrea Sexton, Grants Evaluation Specialist, at (206) 220-6165, or by email at [Andrea.R.Sexton@hud.gov](mailto:Andrea.R.Sexton@hud.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John A. Casey".

**for** Julie Kander, Director  
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