Dear [Senator/Representative Name],

My name is [X] and I am [title, organization, connection to state]. We [have a pending X application/plan to apply for X] through the CDFI Fund. I am deeply concerned that without these funds, we will be unable to [describe the impact of your work in the Native communities you serve in your state].

On March 14, Congress passed the Full Year Continuing Resolution (CR) and Extensions Act (PL 119-4), which included $324 million for the CDFI Fund and made the appropriation available for both FY 2025 and 2026.

Since that time, there has been little movement on making that appropriation and applications for other programs available. OMB is withholding its allocation of FY 2025 appropriations from the CDFI Fund, which includes vital funding for Indian Country through the Native American CDFI Assistance (NACA) Program and Small Dollar Loan (SDL) Program. The NACA Financial Assistance (FA) and Technical Assistance (TA) program applications have been pending since March 2025, with no word from the CDFI Fund regarding whether or when those awards will be announced despite formal requests from NCN, Native CDFIs, and other stakeholders to do so. Meanwhile, the CDFI Fund is now significantly behind schedule in releasing the SDL program applications. We understand that while there is substantial support for the CDFI Fund from Treasury Secretary Bessent, OMB is withholding the allocation to Treasury to carry out these programs.

On May 2, the Administration released its FY 2026 budget request. The budget proposed a $100 million program for rural areas, the continuation of the Bond Guarantee program, and support for CDFI Certification and the administration of New Markets Tax Credits. However it proposes to eliminate the NACA and SDL Programs altogether, which [Native CDFIs unanimously oppose](https://nativecdfi.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/NCN-Sign-On-Letter-Response-to-Trump-FY-2026-Budget-Request-FINAL-5-8-25.pdf). In addition, neither the FY 2026 Budget Appendix nor the Treasury Department’s FY 2026 Congressional Justification (CJ) indicates that Treasury will obligate the $324 million appropriation in the FY 2025 CR. The Budget Appendix includes a table indicating that $289 million of appropriated funds will be undistributed (see the table in page 836 of the appendix).

The CDFI Fund programs make a huge difference in our state, particularly to our Native communities. [Add details - note: you can find a link to their state profile here: <https://cdfi.org/state-profiles/>]

Senators Crapo (R-ID) and Warner (D-VA), Co-Chairs of the Senate Community Development Finance Caucus, recently expressed their concern about the status of these funds at a June 12 Finance Committee hearing. We hope you will do the same and reach out to OMB and Treasury and encourage them to move forward with the CDFI Fund awards and applications funded under the FY 2025 CR. Without these funds, we will be unable to [describe the impact of the loss of these funds on the Native communities you serve].

CDFIs across the country secure and leverage eight dollars in additional investment for every dollar in federal support, and they put those funds to work in underinvested communities. Each year, CDFIs provide patient capital to hundreds of thousands of business expansions and homeownership loans, support the development of nearly 100,000 new affordable homes, help thousands of entrepreneurs start new businesses, finance new and improved access to healthcare, and so much more.

Please ensure that these funds will continue to support the financial services in underinvested communities.

Sincerely,