

National Indian Health Board



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NIHB RESPONDS TO SENATOR DASCHLES WITHDRAWAL

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) was saddened at the news of Senator Thomas Daschle's withdrawal from consideration for Secretary of Health and Human Services. The NIHB applauded Senator Daschle's nomination in November and worked together with the Presidential Transition Team to elevate Indian health issues with him. Indian Country was fortunate and honored to have a strong advocate considered for this position.

The NIHB Chairman Reno Franklin stated, "I am confident that President Obama will choose a nominee who will respect the unique government-to-government relationship between the Tribes and the Federal government and work with Congress and the President to fulfill Federal trust responsibilities."

The NIHB stands ready to support President Obama's nominee for Secretary of Health and Human Services and will continue to educate the new Administration on Indian health issues as we work to improve the health status of all American Indians and Alaska Natives.

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