

THE NAVAJO NATION



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March 25, 2021

Hon. Seth Damon
Office of the Speaker
Post Office Box 3390
Window Rock, AZ 86515

RE: Supplemental Appropriations and American Rescue Plan

Dear Speaker Damon,

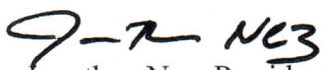
The Office of the President and Vice President acknowledges the past and present work of the 24th Navajo Nation Council to improve the living conditions for our Navajo people. As we go forward from this point, it is important to recognize that we must carefully use our existing financial resources and optimize its usage in the most productive way possible due to changing economic times of reduced tribal revenues. In fact, we may face severe financial shortfalls in the coming years in governmental operations because of diminished revenues. To avoid this situation, I will no longer consider requested appropriations until we address larger concerns.

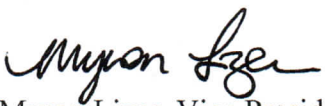
Moreover, I respectfully ask members of the 24th Navajo Nation Council to assist us in packaging one proposal for the impending American Rescue Plan and the third round of CARES Act funds. The outlook shows significant funds are expected to come to Native American Tribes to aid development on Indians lands. The Nation expects considerably more from the ARP than the 2020 CARES allocation. Clearly, the American Rescue Plan requires the immediate attention and planning of Navajo leaders to help our people without needless delays.

At this moment, Mr. Paulson Chaco, OPVP Chief of Staff, is meeting with Division Directors to develop a comprehensive project list that we can use structure deliverance of needed infrastructure projects to the Nation. We ask that you work with Mr. Chaco to share your concerns.

I look forward to seeing the creative ways we can plan to use these financial resources to assist the Nation. Opportunities from the American Rescue Plan are monumental and will allow us to make lasting beneficial changes to the living conditions of our Navajo people. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Any question, please direct your written inquires to Mr. Chaco.

Sincerely,


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