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July 21, 2026

The Honorable Mike Crapo, Chairman
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ron Wyden, Ranking Member
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

**Re: COLT Support for the Confirmation of Francis Brooke as Deputy Secretary of the
Department of the Treasury**

Dear Chairman Crapo and Ranking Member Wyden:

I write as Chairman of the Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT)—an intertribal organization representing the interests of the more than 50 tribes with the largest land bases in the United States, encompassing more than 95 percent of Indian Country lands and more than half of the Native American population—to express COLT’s strong support for the confirmation of Francis Brooke to serve as Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Treasury.

The Department of the Treasury plays a uniquely important role in the federal government’s trust and Treaty responsibilities to tribal nations. The Constitution, treaties between tribal nations and the United States, federal statutes, and longstanding federal policy recognize tribes as sovereign governments entitled to a government-to-government relationship with the United States.

Treasury’s tax, fiscal, regulatory, and economic development policies have a profound effect on the ability of tribal governments to provide services, create jobs, build infrastructure, and strengthen reservation economies.

COLT has appreciated the Trump Administration’s recognition that tribal economic prosperity is a cornerstone of tribal self-determination. Across both the Trump 45 and Trump 47 Administrations, tribal leaders have seen meaningful efforts to include tribal governments in Treasury decision-making, strengthen government-to-government engagement, and ensure that



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tribal concerns receive the attention they deserve within the Department. Treasury's continued support of the Office of Tribal and Native Affairs has been particularly important in ensuring that tribes have knowledgeable and accessible points of contact when navigating complex federal programs and requirements.

The Office of Tribal and Native Affairs, initiated in Trump 45, has been especially valuable as tribes continue implementing and closing out historic federal investments, including State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) resources and other pandemic-era relief programs. Treasury's technical assistance, guidance, and close coordination with tribal governments have helped tribes responsibly deploy these funds for infrastructure, housing, public safety, water systems, broadband, healthcare, and economic development projects. As the Department continues assisting tribes through closeout and compliance requirements associated with these programs, strong leadership committed to maintaining tribal engagement remains essential.

COLT also appreciates the broader efforts undertaken during the Trump Administrations to improve the economic environment for tribal governments. After decades of uncertainty and delay, Treasury advanced two significant pro-growth tax regulations long supported across Indian Country—guidance concerning the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion and the tax treatment of wholly owned tribal entities. These initiatives recognize the unique governmental status of tribes and help remove unnecessary barriers to economic development, investment, and effective tribal governance. As tribal governments continue working to diversify reservation economies and reduce dependence on federal appropriations, these reforms represent important progress toward greater economic self-sufficiency.

Importantly, Mr. Brooke's nomination comes at a time when continuity of leadership is particularly valuable. Treasury's work supporting tribal consultation, the Office of Tribal and Native Affairs, tribal access to federal programs, and implementation of the Administration's economic priorities should continue without interruption. The Deputy Secretary plays a critical role in departmental operations and policy implementation, ensuring that commitments made by the Administration translate into effective action throughout the Department.

COLT views Mr. Brooke's nomination as an opportunity to continue the positive trajectory established by the Trump Administration's efforts to strengthen tribal economic development, improve Treasury's responsiveness to tribal governments, and honor the United States' trust and Treaty responsibilities. We look forward to continuing to work with Treasury leadership to expand



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economic opportunity, support tribal self-determination, and strengthen tribal communities throughout Indian Country.

For these reasons, COLT respectfully urges the Committee to advance Mr. Brooke's nomination favorably and supports his prompt confirmation by the Senate.

Very Respectfully,

Signed by:

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