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Mr. Danny Harjo
Grants & Contracting Coordinator
Prairie Island Indian Community
5636 Sturgeon Lake Road
Welch, Minnesota 55089

Dear Mr. Harjo;

Thank you for your letter dated December 22, 2005 requesting funding under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act for your community's newly formed tribal police department.

As you know, the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Law Enforcement Services does not provide law enforcement services for the Prairie Island Indian Community due to the extension of state law enforcement jurisdiction set forth in 18 U.S.C. 1162(a) and the limits on federal law enforcement jurisdiction imposed by 18 U.S.C. 1162(c). Since we have no resources or funding to dedicate to your program, I regret to inform you that we are unable to meet your request.

I appreciate your Tribe's foresight in establishing the Prairie Island Indian Community Tribal Police Department. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to public safety. If you have any questions or are in need of any technical assistance, you may contact my office at (202) 208-5787.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher B. Chaney". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Christopher B. Chaney
Deputy Bureau Director, Office of Law Enforcement Services

Sen. Franken Will Not Accept Earmark Requests for FY 2012

Announcement Comes after Senate Appropriations Committee Eliminates Earmarks for FY 2012

Thursday, February 3, 2011

Today, Sen. Al Franken (D-Minn.) announced that he would not be able to submit requests for funds on behalf of his constituents after Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) said that the committee would not be accepting any requests for earmarks.

"Though I won't be able to submit any specific requests for earmarks, I'm still going to fight for funding to improve the lives of Minnesotans," said Sen. Franken.

Though he is not able to request funding for any individual entities through the Appropriations Committee, Sen. Franken said he will still advocate for programmatic funding levels that would be beneficial for Minnesotans, and he will continue to assist Minnesotans who apply for grants and other federal funds through the Executive Branch. Those seeking assistance with this may contact Senator Franken's office at 202-224-5641 or visit his website at <http://franken.senate.gov> (<http://franken.senate.gov>) for more information.

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