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Dear Mr. Mullen:

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (WDPI) appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior's request for comment regarding the Tribal Education Department Grant Program. The WDPI's comments follow below.

The WDPI is committed to improving the educational outcomes of all students in Wisconsin, including the educational outcomes for American Indian students in the state. While the WDPI does not directly oversee the education of students enrolled in Bureau-funded schools in Wisconsin, the WDPI supports efforts to identify the educational needs of American Indian students. The WDPI believes the information collection is necessary to determine the allocation of grant funding to meet the educational needs of American Indian students in the state. Additionally, the WDPI sees this information collection as helpful for American Indian students served by Bureau-funded schools and hopes this information can be used to improve the educational outcomes for this group of students.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any additional questions, please contact David O'Connor, WDPI American Indian Studies Consultant, at (608) 267-2283 or at David.OConnor@dpi.wi.gov.

Sincerely,

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