

**We Need Your Help Save JOM Funding!!**

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We need your help to save the JOM funding for FY 2009. The Interior and Labor, HHS and Education appropriations Bills are in the House schedules for review. We are asking that you contact your congressional representatives and committee contacts listed below and ask them to increase education funding.

This Wednesday, on June 11th, the House Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Subcommittee will mark up the Interior Appropriations bill that includes funding for the Bureau of Indian Education and Johnson O'Malley (JOM) programs. This past February, President Bush proposed to eliminate funding for JOM programs and decreased funding for scholarships (-\$5.9 million) and Tribal Technical Colleges (-\$5.9 million). Also the President's budget requests a \$27.6 million decrease from FY 2008 enacted levels for Indian school construction despite a growing backlog for construction and facilities maintenance. NJOMA along with NIEA is encouraging everyone to contact Representative Norm Dicks, (D-WA), Chairman of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee, (listed below) and other members of the Interior Appropriations Committee to request restoration of JOM programs at a level of \$24 million, a \$112 million increase for post-secondary education, and a \$120.47 million increase over the FY 2008 enacted level of \$142.935 for Indian school construction under the BIE.

On June 19th, the House Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee will hold a markup where funding for Native Education programs at the Department of Education and the Esther Martinez Native Language program at Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services, is included. NJOMA along with NIEA is asking everyone to weigh in with appropriators from the House Labor, HHS, Education Subcommittee, including Chairman David Obey (D-WI), to request funding for the Esther Martinez Native Language program at a level of \$10 million at the Department of Health and Human Services, restoration of funding for Education for Native Hawaiians and Alaska Native Equity in Title VII at the Department of Education as well as an overall 5% increase over FY 2008 enacted levels for Title VII.

The House Appropriations Committee is scheduled to mark-up the Interior Appropriations bill on June 18th and the Labor, HHS Education Appropriations bill on June 25th. For more information, please contact NJOMA at (918)732-7839.

The Senate has not scheduled mark-ups for these bills yet.

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