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Sunday, February 9		
11:00-Noon	NCAI Fund Board Meeting	Federal AB
12:30-5:00	NCAI Executive Committee Board Meeting	Federal AB
Monday, February 10		
Time	Event	Room
9:00-5:00	Registration and Rules & Credentials Open	Upper Lobby
9:00-4:00	NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Native Women The Violence Against Native Women Task Force serves as a unified tribal voice working to end violence against Native women. This meeting will focus on strategizing for reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act and other critical legislation.	Federal B <i>Closed to Press</i>
10:00-11:45	State of Indian Nations National Congress of American Indians President Fawn Sharp will deliver the annual State of Indian Nations Address. RSVP is required.	
10:30-Noon	State of Indian Nations Watch Party Join watch parties around the country with other Executive Council Winter Session attendees to watch the State of Indian Nations address delivered by President Fawn Sharp on the big screen.	Presidential Ballrooms
1:30-2:30	Working with Congress 101 Get the most out of your Congressional meetings by attending this training session for tribal leaders. Participants will learn proven strategies for how to have effective Congressional meetings. Information will also be shared about key Congressional leadership changes, priorities for the 116th Congress, and educating new members of Congress about tribal governments.	Ohio <i>Closed to Press</i>

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1:30-5:00	<p>Federal Recognition Task Force</p> <p>The Federal Recognition Task Force was established to address the interests of all tribal nations, both federally and non-federally recognized, regarding changes to the tribal acknowledgement process.</p>	Pan American
1:30-5:00	<p>NCAI Tax and Finance Task Force</p> <p>The purpose of the NCAI Tax and Finance Task Force is to advance tribal priorities on legislative and administrative tax and finance policy to promote tribal economic sovereignty.</p>	Congressional
1:30-5:00	<p>Transportation Task Force</p> <p>The Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act is set to expire in September 2020, and Congress is working on the next surface transportation reauthorization bill. The purpose of this session is to facilitate Indian Country dialogue on legislative language that addresses tribal needs and upholds the federal trust and treaty responsibilities to tribal nations.</p>	South American B
1:30-5:00	<p>Strengthening Our Tribal Nations Through the 2020 Census and Voting</p> <p>To ensure our tribal nations across the country are visible in the 2020 Census and 2020 elections, this session will highlight civic engagement work and provide information about tactics for increasing voter registration and increasing your overall count for community. Sample Native Vote and Indian Country Counts materials will be shared.</p>	Embassy of Tribal Nations 1516 P Street, NW, Washington, D.C.
2:30-3:30	<p>Understanding the Federal Budget 101</p> <p>An overview of how the federal budget process and its importance to Indian Country.</p>	Ohio <i>Closed to Press</i>
3:30-4:30	<p>New Member Orientation</p> <p>All members are invited to join us at this informative session on membership, committees, voting, and more.</p>	Ohio

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Tuesday, February 11		
Time	Event	Room
7:30-5:00	Registration Open Rules & Credentials Open	Upper Lobby
8:30-Noon	1st General Assembly	Presidential Ballrooms
	Invocation	
8:35	Call to Order Fawn Sharp, President, NCAI	
8:40	President's Address Fawn Sharp, President, NCAI	
8:55	CEO Report Kevin Allis, CEO, NCAI	
9:10	Congressman Derek Kilmer (WA)	
9:25	Tara Sweeney, Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior	
9:45	Tyler Fish, Senior Policy Advisor & Tribal Liaison at Executive Office of the President, The White House	
10:00	Congressman David Joyce (OH)	
10:15	Tom Perez, Chair, Democratic National Committee	
10:45	Congressman Dan Kildee (MI)	
11:00	Congresswoman Deb Haaland (NM)	
11:15	Congressman Don Young (AK)	
11:30	Senator Jeff Merkley (OR)	
11:45	Tribal Leader Discussion	

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Time	Event	Room
1:30-4:00	2nd General Assembly	Presidential Ballrooms
	Call to Order Aaron Payment, 1st Vice President, NCAI	
1:35	Congressman Raúl Grijalva (AZ)	
1:50	Jeannie Hovland, Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services	
2:05	RADM Michael Weahkee, Principal Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services	
2:20	Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN)	
2:35	Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ)	
2:50	Kevin Frost, Director, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, Department of Energy	
3:05	Senator Tom Udall (NM)	
3:20	Elaine Chao, Secretary, Department of Transportation	
3:35	Tribal Leader Discussion	
4:00-5:30	Concurrent Sessions NCAI TANF Task Force The NCAI Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Task Force will discuss current Administrative and legislative initiatives impacting Tribal TANF programs nationally. This peer-to-peer network has the goal of highlighting solutions and	Senate

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	<p>discovering best practices in order to overcome barriers to the delivery of Tribal TANF programs.</p> <p>Flying While Indian This breakout session hosted by the Transportation Security Administration will focus on traveling domestically with your tribal ID, the implementation of REAL ID, and more.</p>	South American B
7:00-9:30	22nd Annual NCAI Leadership Awards Banquet	Presidential Ballrooms <i>Tickets are available to purchase with registration.</i>

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Wednesday, February 12		
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8:30-Noon	3rd General Assembly	Presidential Ballrooms
	Call to Order Juana Majel-Dixon, Secretary, NCAI	
8:30	Champions for Change Recognition Byron Dorgan, Former U.S. Senator, Founder of the Center for Native American Youth	
8:45	Congressman Paul Cook (CA)	
9:00	Congressman Denny Heck (WA)	
9:15	Tribal Supreme Court Project John Echohawk, Executive Director, Native American Rights Fund Derrick Beetso, General Counsel, National Congress of American Indians Joel Williams, Attorney, Native American Rights Fund Dan Lewerenz, Attorney, Native American Rights Fund	
10:15	Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House, U.S. House of Representatives	
10:30	Stephen Censky, Deputy Secretary, Department of Agriculture	
10:45	Congressman Tom O'Halleran (AZ)	
11:00	Betsy DeVos, Secretary, Department of Education	
11:15	Senator Martin Heinrich (NM)	
11:30	Senator John Hoeven (ND)	

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11:45	Tax Update NCAI Tax and Finance Task Force Dante Desiderio, Executive Director, Native American Finance Officers Association	
12:00	Tribal Leader Discussion	
12:45	Adjourn	
1:30-5:00	Concurrent Sessions/Hill Visits	
1:00-2:00	Cultural Heritage Roundtable During this Roundtable meeting we will discuss current cultural heritage legislation, with a focus on the Department of the Interior's February 13, 2020, NAGPRA regulations listening session.	South American B
1:30-4:00	The Tribal Border Caucus The Tribal Border Caucus invites all northern, southern, and Alaska border tribal nations to join in a discussion of their specific border issues and develop strategies for next steps.	Federal B <i>Closed to Press</i>
6:30-8:30	Capitol Hill Reception	National Museum of the American Indian Fourth Street & Independence Ave S.W., Washington D.C.

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8:00-5:00	Congressional Hill Visits	

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OTHER MEETINGS & EVENTS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. (NOT HOSTED BY NCAI)

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Monday, Feb 10		
1:00-4:00	<p>Tribal Consultation - Draft Regulation on Administrative Appeals DOI is hosting this tribal consultation to discuss a draft of revisions to its administrative appeals regulations (25 CFR Part 2). The draft was distributed to tribes on November 15, 2019, and available at: https://www.bia.gov/as-ia/raca/regulations-development-andor-under-review/administrative-appeals</p>	Federal A
3:00-4:00	<p>Tribal Listening Session - Federal Inter-agency MOA on 477 Program The Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs is hosting this session to hear tribal input on the memorandum of agreement (MOA) that is currently in effect for federal agencies' implementation of the Indian Employment, Training, and Related Services Demonstration Act (477 program). The MOA is available at: https://www.bia.gov/sites/bia.gov/files/DTLL-477%20MOA.pdf</p>	Senate
4:00-5:00	<p>Tribal Listening Session - BIE Agency Plan Proposal for Implementation of SAAS The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) will provide an overview of its proposed Agency Plan for implementation of the Standards, Assessment, and Accountability System (SAAS) established in its Amended Final Rule at 25 CFR Part 30. The Agency Plan will be a guidance document that will be presented at formal tribal consultation in Spring 2020. Once finalized, the Agency Plan will be BIE's roadmap for school improvement and support to increase student achievement under the Every Student Succeeds Act. Point of contact: Juanita Mendoza, BIE Special Assistant, 202-208-3559</p>	Federal A

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5:00-6:00	<p>Tribal Listening Session - Improving Indian Affairs' Delivery of Energy Development Services The Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs is hosting this session to discuss how it plans to improve delivery of energy and mineral development services to Indian country.</p>	Congressional
Tuesday, Feb 11		
Noon-1:00	<p>National Indian Women Honor Luncheon The National Indian Women "Supporting Each Other" Luncheon has been honoring Native women leaders for the past 25 years! This honor is bestowed for their leadership at the local, regional, and national level. To RSVP and for more information, please contact Julie Johnson at juliej2012@gmail.com.</p>	Congressional
4:00-5:00	<p>Tribal Listening Session: ISDEAA Section 105(I) leasing Section 105(I) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (P.L. 93-638, as amended) (ISDEAA) provides that the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall enter into leases with an Indian tribe or tribal organization for the administration and delivery of services under ISDEAA. This listening session will facilitate Indian Country dialogue on solutions that address Section 105(I) needs and uphold the federal trust and treaty obligations to tribal nations. Representatives of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs will be in attendance.</p>	Pan American
5:00-7:00	<p>Center for Native American Youth Reception Join Senator Byron Dorgan (ret.) and distinguished guests for a reception to celebrate the Center for Native American Youth's eighth anniversary to honor Native American youth and the 2020 class of Champions for Change. We hope you can join this</p>	Federal AB

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	annual celebration of our work together to support our future native leaders.	
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1:00-2:00	<p>Tribal Listening Session - Operation Lady Justice Established by Executive Order 13898, The Federal Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives is hosting an inter-agency tribal listening session. The focus will be to hear from Indian Country about the scope and nature of issues related to missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives.</p>	Federal A
1:00-2:00	<p>Institute of Child Nutrition Discussion The Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) strives to meet the needs of all child nutrition professionals who participate in federal child nutrition programs. However, there are untapped opportunities to address the unique training needs of Native American school nutrition professionals (SNPs). Many lack awareness of ICN’s existence and familiarity with the many resources and services available to aid them in operating and managing school nutrition programs. These factors are further compounded by barriers such as predominately rural locations, access to high-speed internet, and language differences. This meeting will be open discussion allowing ICN to gain insight critical to meeting the training needs of Native American SNPs in a culturally appropriate way.</p>	Pan American
1:00-3:00	<p>Esther Martinez Reauthorization Celebratory Reception Join the National Alliance to Save Native Languages, the National Indian Education Association, and NCAI for a reception sponsored by the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation to celebrate the passage of the Esther Martinez Native American Languages Programs Reauthorization Act. We hope you can join this celebration of the legislation, which provides tribal nations the critical resources</p>	Senate Russell Office Building, Room 485

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1:30-5:00	<p>needed to ensure Native languages continue to be spoken for generations to come.</p> <p>Tribal Consultation - Tribal Set-Aside Funding from the Crime Victims Fund The U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) to conduct a tribal consultation regarding how current and potential future tribal set-aside funding from the Federal Crime Victims Fund should be programmed. Tribal leaders, tribal representatives, and stakeholders are welcome to attend to provide testimony and converse with federal leadership regarding their recommendations of how funds to support victims service organizations be administered. Register here for the event: http://www.cvent.com/d/mhghny</p>	Congressional
2:00-3:00	<p>Tribal Listening Session - USDA Food and Nutrition Service The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service will be discussing upcoming changes to regulations, policies, and procedures that may have an impact on Indian Country. This session will provide background on the changes, answer questions related to such changes, and discuss how tribal nations who would like to provide formal feedback on any of these changes can request a formal consultation.</p>	Pan American
3:30-4:30	<p>Tribal Policy Roundtable hosted by Representative Raúl Ruiz (CA) RSVP to Austin.Yager@mail.house.gov</p>	Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2172
4:00-5:00	<p>Tribal Listening Session - Improving Indian Affairs’ Delivery of Law Enforcement Services The Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior is hosting this session to discuss how it plans to improve delivery of law enforcement and other justice services to Indian country.</p>	Federal A

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8:30-12:30	Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Leadership Session FCC Chairman and Commissioners will meet with tribal leaders regarding telecommunication needs and new FCC initiatives like the 2.5 GHz Rural Tribal Priority Window and Rural Digital Opportunity Fund to increase broadband deployment on tribal lands.	FCC Headquarters 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C.
9:00-10:30	Tribal Listening Session - VA IHS/THP Care Coordination Listening Session on Care Coordination for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)'s Indian Health Service/Tribal Health Program (IHS/THP) Reimbursement Program. VA seeks input on how it can ensure American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) veterans who need care beyond what is offered directly within IHS/THP facilities are able to get that care seamlessly either in the VA medical facilities or in the community. This consultation effort aims to exchange information and acquire recommendations related to the implementation of healthcare coordination activities for eligible AI/AN Veterans who receive care in IHS/THP facilities, at VA, and in the community.	Federal B
9:00-Noon	Tribal Listening Session - U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on WIPO Negotiations The U.S. Patent & Trademark Office will be hosting this listening session to provide updates and hear tribal input on the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Inter-Governmental Committee's ongoing negotiation of the protection of intellectual property, Indigenous Traditional Knowledge, Genetic Resources, and Traditional Cultural Expressions.	Federal A
11:00-Noon	Tribal Listening Session - Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) The Department of the Interior is currently revising the NAGPRA regulations (43 CFR Part 10). While formal consultation on the regulations occurred	Ohio

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2:00-3:30	<p>between 2010-2013, this listening session will provide a summary of the results of the consultation and preview the proposed path forward for a notice of proposed rulemaking which is expected to publish soon.</p> <p>Congressional Briefing on Moving Ahead to Increase the Safety of American Indian and Alaska Native Women</p> <p>A briefing in partnership with Senators Lisa Murkowski and Catherine Cortez Masto. To register: http://bit.ly/2SOE8FC</p>	Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 366