July 29, 2011

Douglas Nash, Adjunct Professor
Institute for Indian Estate Planning and Probate
Seattle University School of Law
P.O. Box 222000
Seattle, WA 98122-1090

Dear Professor Nash:

The United States Committee on Indian Affairs has scheduled an oversight hearing on “The American Indian Probate Reform Act: Empowering Indian Land Owners”. The hearing will be held on Thursday, August 4, 2011, beginning at 2:15 p.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. I am writing to invite you to present testimony before the Committee at that time.

In the interest of time, and to allow Committee members an opportunity to pose questions to you and other witnesses, the Committee asks that you summarize your oral testimony and confine your remarks to no more than five minutes. Your written statement may be of any length you deem appropriate and will appear in its entirety in the hearing record.

In accordance with the Rules of Congress, as revised by the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970, copies of witnesses' statements must be made available prior to their appearance. Accordingly, at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing, please send an electronic version of your testimony to e-mail as a WordPerfect, Word or PDF document to: testimony@indian.senate.gov. Please bring 65 copies of your testimony to the hearing room.

The Committee would appreciate it if you would promptly contact the Committee Chief Clerk, Marilyn Bruce, at (202) 224-2251 to confirm your attendance at the hearing. The Committee on Indian Affairs looks forward to your participation in this important hearing.

Sincerely,

Daniel K. Akaka
Chairman