



CALL TO ACTION LETTER

Dear friends, colleagues, and supporters,

Diabetes is a very important health issue affecting the lives of our families and friends across Indian Country. Diabetes funding approved by the U.S. Congress has a huge impact on American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities and how well our communities can implement programs to combat diabetes.

Periodically, Congress renews its commitment to helping our communities build a strong foundation for a diabetes-free future. The time for Congress' renewed commitment is NOW! Congress is reviewing continued funding for the Special Diabetes Programs. These two programs, the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) at the Indian Health Service (IHS) and Special Statutory Funding Program for Type 1 Diabetes Research (SDP-Type 1) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), represent the hope for a diabetes-free future not only in Indian country but in our entire nation.

Join the Millions® to Stop Diabetes® by sharing your stories with your Members of Congress and asking them to fund the Special Diabetes Programs. SDPI and SDP-Type 1 represent a significant part of the federal government's effort to combat, prevent, and cure diabetes. Both of these vital programs require renewal by Congress. If action is not taken now, more than 400 community-based programs will have to close down their vital efforts and vital research efforts will be lost.

You have worked with us before in preserving these successful programs and we thank you! Your best efforts are needed again to secure continued funding. To help with your advocacy for these critical programs, the American Diabetes Association created the Awakening the Spirit® Advocacy Brochure.

Please stand in support of renewal of the Special Diabetes Programs.

Sincerely,

American Diabetes Association's
Awakening the Spirit Team

