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Washington, DC 20548

July 12, 2023

Congressional Requesters:

Thank you for your letter requesting that the Government Accountability Office review matters relating to the criminal justice outcomes in states that have jurisdiction over tribal lands as a result of Public Law 83-280 compared to other states.

GAO accepts your request as work that is within the scope of its authority. At the current time we anticipate that staff with the required skills will be available to initiate an engagement in about five months. Your request has been assigned to Mr. Charles Michael Johnson, Jr., Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice. Closer to the time GAO can start this engagement, Mr. Johnson or a member of his team will contact with the staff points of contact to confirm that this request continues to be your priority for us. As applicable, we will also be in contact with the cognizant Inspector General's office to ensure that we are not duplicating efforts. If an issue arises during this coordination, we will consult with you regarding its resolution.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Johnson at 202-512-7331 or [johnsoncm@gao.gov](mailto:johnsoncm@gao.gov), or Mr. Carlos Diz, Assistant Director, Congressional Relations, on my staff at 202-512-8256 or [dizc@gao.gov](mailto:dizc@gao.gov).

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Clowers', with a stylized flourish at the end.

A. Nicole Clowers  
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Attachment

Ref: CCAR 23-0934

Attachment: List of Requesters

The Honorable Jeffrey A. Merkley  
Chair, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
(POC: Meredith Booker)

The Honorable Alex Padilla  
United States Senate  
(POC: Sarah Swig)

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski  
United States Senate

The Honorable Jared Huffman  
House of Representatives