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Honorable Byron L. Dorgan
Chairman
Committee on Indian Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As you requested, CBO has reviewed a draft bill to ensure that amounts appropriated to the Bureau of Indian Affairs under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 remain available until September 30, 2010. The draft bill would repeal a provision in H.R. 1586, the FAA Air Transportation Modernization and Safety Improvement Act, as passed by the Senate on August 5, 2010, that would rescind certain unobligated balances from the Indian Guaranteed Loan Program Account.

CBO estimates that for the purpose of budget enforcement procedures in the Senate, passage of the draft bill would be considered to have no budgetary effect, because it would be amending legislation that had not yet cleared the Congress.

We also estimate that if the draft bill is passed by the Senate, passage of both bills by the House would lead to about \$3 million more in direct spending than passage of just H.R. 1586 because the rescission in H.R. 1586 would be repealed. For the purpose of budget enforcement procedures in the House, that \$3 million would affect the cost of whichever bill cleared the House later.

That \$3 million cost would not count for the purpose of statutory pay-as-you-go procedures, because the funds affected were designated as an emergency requirement when originally appropriated.

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I hope this information is helpful to you. If you wish further details on this estimate, we would be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Jeff LaFave.

Sincerely,

for Robert A. Gundersen

Douglas W. Elmendorf
Director

cc: Honorable John Barrasso
Vice Chairman