

# 2014 SEQUESTRATION = 14% or \$5,170,937!



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The federal fiduciary obligation to tribes ~ as funded in the federal budget ~ are the result of treaties negotiated and agreements made between tribes and the U.S. in exchange for land and resources, known as a "trust responsibility." The authority to fund programs that fulfill the trust responsibility is founded in the Constitution, specifically the Indian Commerce Clause, the Treaty Clause and the Property Clause. Notwithstanding, more recently, Public Law 112-25 set up a deficit-reduction process though a bipartisan Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction. Because this committee did not reach a deficit reduction deal, most discretionary federal programs in 2013 were sequestered in across-the-board cuts of 5.2%.

Fortunately, the Obama Administration reduced the impact of the \$1.7 million to \$1.3 million we actually felt. Still, the impact was significant. Though the diligence and hard work of my administration, we absorbed these cuts and minimized the impact on services and jobs.

**If Congress is unable to balance the budget, 2014 will see a whopping 14% cut on top of what was already cut. This will mean a 2014 cut of over \$5.1 million or a two year cut of nearly \$6.5 million!**



The above graphic is of a button idea conceived of by Director McLeod with input from Director Abramson and myself. The artwork & design was created by my nephew Daniel J. Stinehart who is an artist who holds a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts.

The abrupt and arbitrary nature of the across-the-board cuts have damaging effects on the progress made in addressing serious problems facing Indian country, especially for the full implementation of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and Tribal Law and Order Act. With programs already underfunded, we cannot afford to lose another penny. With regard to generating our own revenue, we have suffered from the same economic hardships as the rest of the nation. Sadly, needed improvements in casino marketing languish at the Board level. While both the Casino COO and I recommended a management change here, the Board rejected our recommendation and decide to do nothing.

The Congressional Research Service reported under Section 256(e) of the 1985 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act, sequestration may only reduce funding appropriated to the Indian Health Service by 2 percent in any fiscal year. But, the Office of Management and Budget is subjecting the IHS discretionary accounts to the 9 percent across-the-board cuts. Because of recent Congressional underfunding, the impact is cumulative including the following:

- ◆ Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for tribes, cut by 35%
- ◆ Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants, for tribes, cut by 25%
- ◆ Indian Housing Block Grant cut by 21%
- ◆ Indian Student Education cut by 13%
- ◆ Tribal Community Oriented Policing Grants cut by 25%
- ◆ Total Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Operation of Indian Programs cut by 14%
- ◆ Native American Job Training cut by 23%

Essential American Indian and Alaska Native Education programs are in peril. For example, Impact Aid, the oldest elementary and secondary federal education program administered by the U.S. Department of Education was cut \$100 million in the middle of the 2012-13 school year. Our Tribe has effectively used the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) funding to address the acute housing needs of our people. In FY 2011, Congress reduced funding for NAHASDA's Indian Housing Block Grant program by more than 7 percent (\$50 million) and re-

ducing NAHASDA funding by an additional 14 percent through sequestration will greatly inhibit our ability to address the ongoing shortage of safe, affordable housing.

**I NEED YOUR HELP!**

With stall tactics of select Tribal Board Members to not enact a new Constitution with a separation of powers, "at large" representation, and a long term revenue allocation plan to ensure that all Members will eventually share in our Tribal Dream, I am a bit embarrassed to ask for your help. Nonetheless, we need a unified effort to impact Congress to exempt Tribe's from sequestration.

Given our Board decimated our federal government relations efforts by eliminating our Federal lobbyist when I left office in 2008, I need your help. I am traveling to DC for a few days in September to meet with as many Members of Congress and the Presidential Administration as I can to try to get an exemption to sequestration by making treaty rights non-discretionary. The saying goes, "many hands make light work." I cannot do it alone. If you'd like to help me, and help our Tribe, please visit our Tribal Web page at:

<http://www.saulttribe.com/> to download a letter and sign and mail it ~ or call or visit a Member of Congress. In time, with the right Tribal leadership on the Board, we can then plan for how all our Members will benefit from our efforts.

**Chi McGwitch, Negee,**  
**Aaron**

**Impact of Sequestration for FY 2013 and FY 2014**

A	B	C	D
Funding	Program/Cost Center Name	Current Award Amount	14% Sequestration FY 2014
DOJ	Victim's Assistance	\$109,985	\$15,398
HHS	LIEAP	\$450,000	\$63,000
HHS	LIEAP	\$50,000	\$7,000
HHS	LIEAP	\$59,821	\$8,375
USDA	USDA	\$490,688	\$68,696
HHS	Child Care Development Fund	\$462,390	\$64,735
HHS	Child Care Development Fund	\$448,840	\$62,838
HHS	Community Service Block Grant	\$19,872	\$2,782
HHS	Family Violence	\$26,071	\$3,650
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HHS	Native Employment Works	\$113,011	\$15,822
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HHS	ICWA Title IV	\$146,788	\$20,550
HHS	Subpart IV - B	\$256,756	\$35,946
DOJ	2010 Tribal Govt	\$897,592	\$125,663
DOJ	Sexual Assault Services	\$300,000	\$42,000
DOJ	Tribal Governments 2011	\$514,218	\$71,991
<b>Total ACFS</b>		<b>\$4,482,641</b>	<b>\$627,570</b>
HHS	ANA Immersion	\$358,414	\$0
DOE	IMLS Library	\$7,000	\$980
<b>Total Cultural</b>		<b>\$365,414</b>	<b>\$980</b>
BIA	Early Head Start	\$486,933	\$68,171
BIA	Early Head Start - BIA	\$12,850	\$1,799
BIA	Head Start - HHS	\$600,936	\$84,131
BIA	Head Start - BIA	\$112,820	\$15,795
ITC	Kellogg Grant	\$5,100	\$714
EDC	Evaluation of STAY	\$30,000	\$0
<b>Total Education</b>		<b>\$1,248,639</b>	<b>\$170,609</b>
HHS	Title VI - Elderly	\$134,330	\$18,806
USDA	NSIP Grant	\$24,236	\$3,393
UPCAP	Title III B Personal Care	\$7,500	\$1,050
UPCAP	Title III D Homemaker	\$15,250	\$2,135
<b>Total Elder</b>		<b>\$181,316</b>	<b>\$25,384</b>
DOL	WIA - Work Experience	\$93,764	\$13,127
DOL	WIA - On The Job Training	\$42,290	\$5,921
DOL	SYEP - Administration	\$2,621	\$367
DOL	WIA - Administration	\$22,066	\$3,089
DOL	SYEP	\$15,055	\$2,108
<b>Total Employment</b>		<b>\$175,796</b>	<b>\$24,611</b>
EPA	EPA CEM	\$333,000	\$46,620
<b>Total Fisheries</b>		<b>\$333,000</b>	<b>\$46,620</b>
EPA	EPA GLRI LaMP	\$500,000	\$70,000
EPA	Brownfield	\$119,740	\$16,764
EPA	Quality Assurance	\$65,000	\$9,100
EPA	EPA Water 13 - 15	\$168,422	\$23,579
USDA	GLRI Ash	\$132,274	\$18,518
<b>Total Governmental</b>		<b>\$985,436</b>	<b>\$137,961</b>
State	American Indian Substance Abuse	\$44,917	\$6,288
ITC	Mental Health Council	\$46,810	\$6,553
State	Emergency Preparedness	\$44,822	\$6,275
Cent of Disease	Traditional Healthy Environments	\$100,000	\$14,000
IHS	I.H.S. Special Diabetes	\$836,490	\$117,109
IHS	Diabetes - Carido	\$324,300	\$45,402
IHS	PHN Case Management	\$160,000	\$22,400
Cent of Disease	Comm. Transformation Grant	\$500,000	\$70,000
<b>Total Health</b>		<b>\$2,057,339</b>	<b>\$288,027</b>
DOJ	GOPS TRGP 11 - 14	\$710,432	\$99,460
US Dept Home	Tribal Homeland Security	\$1,071,319	\$149,985
<b>Total Law Enforcement</b>		<b>\$1,781,751</b>	<b>\$249,445</b>
IHS	Sanitation BE-13-J11	\$180,000	\$25,200
<b>Total Sanitation</b>		<b>\$180,000</b>	<b>\$25,200</b>
DOJ	Tribal Youth Project	\$448,834	\$62,837
DOJ	Court Enhancement	\$499,995	\$69,999
DOJ	Drug Court Enhancement	\$401,914	\$56,268
<b>Total Tribal Court</b>		<b>\$1,350,743</b>	<b>\$189,104</b>
BIA	<b>BIA Self Governance</b>	<b>\$6,763,025</b>	<b>\$897,589</b>
IHS	<b>IHS Self Governance</b>	<b>\$18,744,998</b>	<b>\$2,487,836</b>
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$38,650,098</b>	<b>\$5,170,937</b>

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**SAULT TRIBE BOARD OF DIRECTORS LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2013**  
Drafted 9-4-13 @ 1pm

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
<b>LABOR DAY</b>	8am Signatures 10am Workshop: Legal/Budgets/HR 11am Semi-Annual Reviews 12pm Lunch 1pm Semi-Annual Reviews 3pm TBOD Meeting Agenda Review 5pm Membership Issues 6pm TBOD Meeting - Sault	10am - 12pm Drive to Goyford 12pm Meeting with ISSU Officials 3pm - 5pm Return from Goyford	8am Signatures 9am Executive Team Meeting 11am-8pm Constitutional Review Census, Receipts TBA	8am Signatures 9am Prep Session for U.S. Attorney Meeting 10am Gaming Authority Workshop 12pm-3pm FY2014 Schedule B Schedule C: Budgets & Govt. Cap. Ex.	8am Signatures 9am Prep Session for U.S. Attorney Meeting 10am Gaming Authority Workshop 12pm-3pm FY2014 Schedule B Schedule C: Budgets & Govt. Cap. Ex.
8am - 6pm Financial Reviews - Governmental & Over flow for Schedule B, Schedule C, & Govt. Cap. Ex. 4pm Inland Conservation Committee Chair in DC	7am to 8pm Chair Drive to DC 10am - 5pm Gaming Authority Workshop	<b>National Congress of American Indians Legislative Impact Week in DC</b> *STOP SEQUESTRATION* 3pm Program/Division Directors			
<b>Sunday - 9/15/13</b> Sault Tribe Citizen Meeting in DC Area to Create a Legislative Rapid Response Team 12pm Chair Conference Call with Budgets 4pm Great Lakes Conservation Committee	8am Signatures 9am Member Services Monthly 10am Executive Director Monthly 11am CFO Monthly 1pm Law Enforcement/Natural Resources 2pm U.S. Attorney Office Annual Meeting - with Tribal Judicial Division	10am Workshop: Legal/Budgets/HR 11am Lunch 1pm General Workshop 3pm TBOD Meeting Agenda Review 5pm Membership Issues 6pm TBOD Meeting - Munising (Agenda Item: Schedule B)	9am Signatures 10am Executive Team 1-8pm Constitutional Review	8am Signatures 11am Budget Team 12pm Tribal Census 1-8pm Schedule B & C Budgets and Governmental Cap Ex. <b>Sat. 9/21 ISSU Presidential Reception &amp; Dinner at 2pm</b>	
8am Signatures 9am Tribal Ethics Code 11am Independent Election Balloting 12-5pm Schedule B & C Budgets & Gov. Cap Ex 6pm Special Meeting - Schedule B Final <small>Note: Schedule B continuing resolution expires on this date (9/15, 12-9pm, 9/17, 8am-9pm, 9/20, 1-4pm, 9/23, 1-4pm, 9/24 8am-noon and 12:00-1:00pm) This amounts to 32 hours of preparation.</small>	8am Signatures 9am Drunk Ethics Code 11am Independent Election Balloting 12-5pm Schedule B & C Budgets & Gov. Cap Ex 6pm Special Meeting - Schedule B Final	8am Signatures 9am Drunk Ethics Code 11am Independent Election Balloting 12-5pm Schedule B & C Budgets & Gov. Cap Ex 6pm Special Meeting - Schedule B Final	10am CORA (Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority) meeting in Pełoskey 3pm Return to Sault	<b>NATIVE AMERICAN DAY</b> 9am Enterprise Financials 10am Casino Financials 11am Casino Oversight 1-5pm Gaming Authority Workshop	

18 hrs, 13%

3 hrs, 2%

30 hrs, 30%

40 hrs, 40%

16 hrs, 16%

- Financial Reviews, Budgets, Schedule B, C, & Cap Ex.
- Constitutional Review
- TBOD Meetings, Workshops & Issues
- Gaming Authority Workshops, Financials, Improvement, Oversight
- Enterprise Financials