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NAIHC Chairman Marty Shuravloff's Statement on Senator Byron Dorgan's Announcement to Retire from Congress *Senator Dorgan was instrumental in the Reauthorization of NAHASDA*

The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) Chairman Marty Shuravloff issued the following statement on yesterday's announcement that Senator Byron Dorgan (D-ND) will not seek re-election in November.

“We at the National American Indian Housing Council membership are saddened to hear of Senator Dorgan's announcement not to seek re-election this fall. As Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs Sen. Dorgan championed American Indian and Alaska Native issues for many years including housing, health care and economic development. Most recently, Chairman Dorgan introduced and guided to enact the *Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Amendments Act of 2008*. Chairman Dorgan recognized the deplorable housing conditions in Indian Country and advocated policies to respect tribal decision making and authority over our own affairs to encourage strong tribal governments and vibrant tribal communities. Sen. Dorgan is a good man and a leader on the national scene. As much as we will miss him, he will always hold a special place in our hearts and on behalf of the NAIHC Board of Directors; I wish Sen. Dorgan good health and prosperity in his new endeavors.”

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The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) was founded in 1974 as a 501(c)(3) corporation. NAIHC is the only national organization representing housing interests of Native people who reside in Indian communities, Alaska Native Villages, and on native Hawaiian Home Lands.