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# Seattle Indian Health Board Research Helps Create Government Task Force for Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives

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The [Seattle Indian Health Board](#) (SIHB) is a community health center that advocates for the health of urban American Indian and Alaska Natives nationwide and provides health and human services to its patients in the Seattle area.

SIHB serves approximately 6,000 patients annually in King County, Washington, and more than 4,000 of those identify as American Indian and/or Alaska Native. SIHB employs more than 200 people.

SIHB's research division, [Urban Indian Health Institute](#) (UIHI), has published two groundbreaking reports, bringing national attention to the missing and murdered indigenous women and girls (MMIWG) crisis in urban areas. Details of these reports can be found on the UIHI website page, "[Our Bodies, Our Stories.](#)"

Based in part on UIHI's work and advocacy from various tribal leaders, President Donald Trump signed an [executive order](#) that creates a task force to focus on missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives. The Justice Department will invest \$1.5 million to hire specialized coordinators in 11 cities who will develop protocols for a coordinated law enforcement response to missing persons cases.

Foster Garvey is proud to serve as SIHB's primary law firm, assisting the organization with employment advice, governance advice and training, real estate and Native housing advice, employee benefits advice, commercial advice, and HIPAA and other health care regulatory advice.

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