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BAUCUS COMMENTS ON INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Washington, DC – U.S. Senator Max Baucus (D-Mont.), Ranking Member of the Senate Finance Committee, issued a brief statement today following publication of a Senate Committee on Indian Affairs report entitled "*Gimme Five: Investigation of Tribal Lobbying Matters.*" The committee's report included a recommendation that the Finance Committee investigate and hold hearings on the tax activities of some non-profit organizations.

"The Finance Committee continues to review documents provided by the Committee on Indian Affairs and related to non-profit groups with links to Jack Abramoff. This is being done as part of an ongoing, broad-scale look at whether tax-exempt groups are misused for financial or political gain. I expect that the Finance Committee will act as our findings warrant, in keeping with our oversight responsibilities."

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