



## DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

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## MEMORANDUM

Date: May 14, 2014

To: Whom It May Concern,

As a Tribal member and viewer of CATV, I write this letter in support for the sustainability of this television station for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. CATV delivers cultural awareness and a huge education component to its viewers. It also broadcast tribal activities and informational events for tribal and non-tribal members. This is an excellent start with the establishment of this television station but the future is endless on the potential it can bring to its viewers and American Indians across the world.

Education in American Indian Country continues to be viewed in a negative manner in all capacities. CATV has partnered with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Head Start Program to video and record students in a classroom setting learning the language. CATV then airs the footage and creates lesson plans that can be viewed and used as a learning tool for Tribal members, educators, and other viewers. There was a recent survey done where it was determined there were less than 100 Cheyenne who could still speak our native Cheyenne language on differently fluency levels, and only about 10 Arapaho's left that could still speak our native Arapaho language on different fluency levels. By allowing CATV to continue broadcasting, this would be a huge step for the preservation of the language and culture for our people.

CATV does a great job covering local and National American Indian events. Not all individuals are given the opportunity to travel and experience cultural events going on across Indian Country. With this television station viewers are able to be enriched in the culture and exposure of other American Indians. I am a firm believer that exposure will make a difference in our youth. While embracing our culture, I also believe that it's essential for us to experience life outside of our communities. CATV has done an excellent job broadcasting these series of events.

Please take this letter into consideration and continue to allow CATV to broadcast across American Indian Country.

Sincerely,

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes