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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to express our support for the CATV-47 television station and our concern over the possibility of the CATV-47 television losing its broadcasting frequency and what it would mean to thousands of Oklahoman viewers, specifically Native Americans.

CATV-47 made history as the first tribally owned television station in Oklahoma. They are assisting with the preservation of 2, almost extinct, Native languages, the Cheyenne language and the Arapaho language. conducting oral histories of Native American elders, which is priceless. The information and knowledge Native American elders possess of our country long ago is critical to future generations to come.

CATV-47 broadcast prevention messages against alcohol and drugs, one of the leading causes of death among Native Americans along with suicide prevention messages. They highlight education, our tribal youth and the importance of staying in school and promoting higher education after high school.

The television station was recently a part of several 30 minute segments featuring some of the Native American tribes in Oklahoma (of which there are 39 tribes that call Oklahoma home. Oklahoma is ranked 3rd in the country for the largest Native American population, with California being ranked 1st, and New York 2nd.)

I cannot begin to tell you what a negative impact it would have on Native Americans and non-Native American viewers who desire to learn about the Native cultures if CATV-47 were to lose their broadcasting frequency.

I hope you will continue to allow Oklahomans to be able to learn about the Native American culture through our CATV-47 television station by keeping their broadcasting frequency in place.

Thank you.

Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief
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