



CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES
HEAD START PROGRAM

May 14, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

As the Head Start Education Manager for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, I am writing this letter on behalf of our Head Start Department. Along with the department, I write for the many children and their families that we serve. In reference to the possibility of losing the broadcasting of Cheyenne and Arapaho Television, I feel that it would be a great loss to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. CATV is rich in culture and traditions and has been a major influence within the community of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and the surrounding areas. CATV provides vast knowledge and traditional values for tribal members and nontribal members as well.

In regards to our Head Start Program, CATV provides positive self-images of tribal members, which provide a positive influence, for our children and their families. While providing culture and traditions, CATV helps our teaching staff fulfill one of the many education requirements for teaching culture to Cheyenne and Arapaho Head Start children within the classrooms. By providing traditional values and child friendly activities for our Head Start families, it also brings forth unity for families and allows for family bonding. CATV has promoted success for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Head Start children and provided positive support within our department.

In my opinion, The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes cannot afford to lose CATV, as it is a positive pillar, within the community and the surrounding areas. It would be a great detriment to the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribe as of now and in its future.

Sincerely,

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