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Randy Burleson, Director of Operations and Production

CATV-47 Cheyenne and Arapaho Television

Dear Mr. Burleson:

I am writing in support of the CATV Channel 47 Television Station Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. I have fully supported the CATV47 since its inception and have worked closely with the TV station's professional staff and in fact have produced and conducted several interviews that are culturally important to preserve. The TV47 station's dedication and commitment to Cheyenne and Arapaho cultural preservation and language preservation is astounding. The producing of hands-on cultural and language educational programming for public and tribal viewing is a guarantee that tribal stories, traditions, and traditional arts will be preserved for future viewers and generations.

Being the first tribally owned Television station in the state of Oklahoma is an historic accomplishment. The ability to broadcast our own cultural programs is a unique and elusive goal in an increasingly difficult broadband environment.

As a Cheyenne Chief, Education Administrator, artist, and tribal member, I strongly encourage the continuance of the TV station and maintaining and extending the broadcasting of our broadband viewing areas. The TV station has gained the respect from the community, tribal programs, and those who reside within the tribal boundaries who have had the opportunity and pleasure of viewing cultural and language preservation programs. Therefore, I recommend and encourage you in the highest respect and terms, to enthusiastically, grant the continuance of the Channel 47 TV station Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, in all terms of broadband services.

Should you have any questions or need additional supporting documentation please feel free to contact my office at (405) 422-7729.

Respectfully,

Gordon Yellowman, Interim Executive Director

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