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CATV-47
ATTN: Mr. Randy Burleson
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Dear Mr. Burleson:

I am writing you in support of CATV-47, an over-the-air broadcast station.

I am a supporter of my local tribal television station, which is critically important to me and my tribal community. Also, it is a very useful service to our tribal health programs not to mention the other tribal departments and programs to inform the public on public events, language education and preservation, and the sharing of our culture.

This investment of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes allows the CATV-47 station to provide us with the best educational, news and culturally relevant programming and services that we can't find anywhere else.

The federal investment in public media is also just a tiny portion of the federal budget - only one hundredth of one percent (0.01%). Eliminating it would have almost no impact on the nation's debt, but the cost to local communities like ours would be devastating. Cutting funding and eliminating the station could lead to the loss of:

- Broadcast services to rural communities.
- Award-winning educational, non-commercial programming for our children.
- Local public affairs and news programming.
- Innovative classroom resources.
- Professional development and workforce training for teachers, veterans and other job seekers.

These are essential services the tribal people rely on and that would not exist elsewhere without the support and continuation of the television station that makes public media possible.

Sincerely,

Nicolas Barton
Executive Director of Health