

cc: George
Benson

September 29, 1993

Cherokee Nation
P.O. Box 948
Tahlequah, Ok 74465
ATTN: Cheif Mankiller

Dear Cheif Mankiller:

We are addressing this letter to you in regards to a proposed prison the Miami Indian Tribe plans to build in our area, located southwest of Miami, Oklahoma between Narcissa and Bluejacket in a rural farming community of the Cherokee Nation. There are approximately 47 Cherokee families who live in this community including myself who strongly oppose a facility of this nature in our neighborhood. There are 203 Title 5 program Cherokee children and 83 J.O.E. children in the Afton School District where this facility is proposed.

Mr. Paul Kessler, who represents the Miami Tribe, told us that because of their Indian Status the prison would be built whether we liked it or not. He told us it would be put into B.I.A Trust and that we should know what that means.

They informed us that they have been in contact with the Cherokee Nation and that this was being worked out. However, we feel like the Cherokee Nation would not be in favor of this action. We have petitions with approximately 2,500 signatures that we would be glad to forward to your office if needed. Time is very important on this issue as they have contractors, management groups, and others lined up to build this prison.

Pat Sledge, Administrative Director-Site-Selections for The U.S. Bureau of Prisons, informed us that there were some "Scams" going around trying to promote Indian Tribes and small towns to build prisons. She said she would be very leery of these people and would thoroughly investigate these people before allowing them to come into our community. We have made a great amount of contacts to check out this proposed prison. We would appreciate your attention in this matter, and your support in determining if the Miami Tribe can do this. I can be reached at (918)542-6956 or (918)542-9835.

If you can be any assistance to us, it would be greatly appreciated.

Respectively,

David Hudson