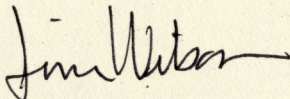




Unfortunately councils such as yours challenge our ability to do what we do best and bring the Native American culture to the widest possible audience.

Whether or not you enjoyed our production "Dances With Wolves," it has had a very positive impact on many Indians and opened the door to Native American projects that might otherwise never have been made. Last week, with Russell Means in attendance, Tig productions was honored by the First Americans In The Arts with the Humanitarian Award for continued commitment to developing projects involving and employing Native Americans in the film industry. In the past year Tig has continued making pictures while Russell Means criticizes "Dances With Wolves" and now "500 Nations," for what reasons I am still not clear. I find it ironic nonetheless.

Tig and Pathways will pursue the highest quality of programming regardless of your misconceptions. I look forward to hearing from any of you on this issue.

  
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