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CHEROKEES OF NEW MEXICO

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Honorable Wilma Mankiller, Chief
Cherokee Nation
P.O. Box 948
Tahlequah, OK 74464

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Dear Chief Mankiller:

On behalf of the Cherokees of New Mexico, I am writing to offer our endorsement of Mr. Edward H. Hall for appointment to the office of Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs in the Department of the Interior. The Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs position needs a man with Mr. Hall's experience and intentions. Mr. Hall has the right mix of experience with local reservation issues from tribal and Bureau of Indian Affairs perspectives. He also has broad national level experience in Indian issues. Our endorsement comes from knowing Mr. Hall and his family for several years.

Mr. Hall's stated objectives if he is appointed to office are related to economic stimulation for Indian country through investment in Indian reservation infrastructure. He understands the important ramifications widespread unemployment has on reservation societies, and the burden this places on tribal government. He also understands the necessity for infrastructure development before sustained private economic development can occur. I believe this approach is past due and should be implemented immediately. Mr. Hall has demonstrated his ability to work directly with tribes to address tribal issues, and he will make the Bureau of Indian Affairs more responsive to tribal needs.

Based upon Mr. Hall's experience and our knowledge of who Mr. Hall is as a person, I believe he has the ability to accomplish his goals within the Bureau of Indian Affairs' broad bureaucracy. Thank you for your consideration of and support for Mr. Hall, and please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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