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Dear Ms. Weahkee:

Thank you so much for your invitation to serve as a listener for the International Indigenous Peoples Tribunals. I am so glad you are involved in this.

I wish I could work with you on this project, however, I am committed to other work during that time period.

I would love the company of grass roots indigenous people who think about sovereignty in human terms instead of the continual fixation of most tribal leaders on gaming and taxation.

I do have some suggestions about possible listeners. Oren Lyons, John Mohawk, Billy Frank, Dagmar Thorpe, Dalee Sambo, or Jeanette Armstrong.

Sorry I could not join you. When my time here at the Cherokee Nation is not so hectic I would love to visit with you and learn more about the work you are involved in.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Wilma P. Mankiller
Principal Chief

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