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Chief Wilma Mankiller  
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Dear Chief Mankiller,

Sorry your were unable to make the trip to Washington D.C. I truly feel the visit was productive and worth the effort for those who did attend. Diane and Phyllis represented the Cherokee Nation very well as always. Your involvement in this worthwhile project has made the difference.

On another matter, it is my understanding that the Miami Tribe is attempting to purchase 240 acres near Blue Jacket in Ottawa county for the purpose of building a private prison.

Is this not Cherokee Nation jurisdiction area and if so must the Cherokee Nation give a waiver before another tribe can be given Indian land trust status?

Please have someone from your staff contact me concerning this question. Many residents in the proposed area are strongly opposing this type of project.

I do not normally get involved in Native American issues unless asked to do so, however this issue is very important to myself and many residents in my Senate District. I would hope that the Cherokee Nation would not waive jurisdictional boundary for the purpose of another tribe to build a private prison.

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letter