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Chief Wilma Mankiller  
Cherokee Nation  
P.O.Box 948  
Tahlequah, Ok. 74465

Dear Chief Mankiller:

I need your help! A private prison to be built and owned by an Indian Tribe is being forced on the rural community of Narcissa. Narcissa is about five miles southwest of Miami in the far Northeast corner of Oklahoma.

The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma is buying 280 acres of land from a director of the tribe. They are trying to buy up to 640 acres and have told the public they are going to put a prison there. The Tribe plans to make the land "Indian Land"; and thus exempt from taxes, state laws and federal laws.

Over 1500 people have signed a petition saying they are opposed to this project.

I am asking you to help us in any way you can. Surely there are better projects than a PRISON. Please contact the Tribe and encourage them to listen to the public out-cry against this prison.

Thank you for any help you can give us.

Sincerely;

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Glen Mont  
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att:  
-Oct 4<sup>th</sup> over 3,000 signatures