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The Honorable Wilma Mankiller
Principal Chief, The Cherokee Nation
5 Miles South of Tahlequah
Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74465

Dear Chief Mankiller:

I am writing you to thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the Cherokee Nation over the past three-and-a-half years. A good friend of mine has offered me a position with his law firm, Morris & Florey, L.L.P., in Austin, Texas. (704 W. 9th Street, Austin, Texas 78701, (512) 479-8600) Although I am excited about my new professional path, I am sad to be leaving the firm and its practice. It has been a privilege to be able to work for such an outstanding firm and terrific clients such as you and your Tribe. When I first walked through the door here at Patton, Boggs, Joe Reeder handed me my very first assignment -- a project for the Cherokee Nation. Since that time, I have been very proud of the opportunity to get to know the Cherokee Nation.

My wife and I are very excited about our move to Austin. Knowing that you have a life-long background fighting for those in need, I wanted you to know that my wife Kay will be continuing her efforts in the area of hunger assistance. Currently, Kay is in charge of the funding process for USDA's WIC program, which, as you know, includes a very successful local Cherokee Nation program. Building on her experience in this area, Kay has taken a job with the Center for Public Policy Priorities in Austin to set up a hunger assistance network within the State of Texas. Over the next several years, she will endeavor to coordinate all