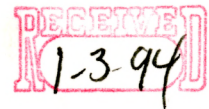




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The Honorable Wilma P. Mankiller
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Dear Chief Mankiller:

I am writing in response to your letter to Attorney General Reno concerning amendments to the Senate Crime Bill to ensure the availability of criminal justice assistance funding to Indian tribes. As you may already be aware, the Senate recently passed this bill with amendments that address this subject.

The amendments are primarily designed to ensure that: (1) Indian tribal governments will be able to meet any matching funds requirement under pertinent federal grant programs; and (2) Indian tribal governments will receive a fair share of the new law enforcement funding proposed in the bill. Please be assured that we are in complete agreement with the objectives of these amendments, and will support legislative and administrative measures that ensure the proper implementation and realization of these objectives.

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns with the Attorney General. If the Department of Justice can be of further assistance on this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sheila Anthony

Sheila F. Anthony
Assistant Attorney General