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John R. Brazil, President  
Bradley University  
Peoria, Illinois 61625

Dear President Brazil:

Thank you for your letter relative to the continued use of the term "braves" in your athletic program.

I believe it is time for athletic teams to stop using Indian terms and names. There is no rationale to support the continued use of these terms.

In my view, Native people overwhelmingly oppose the continued use of Native terms by athletic teams.

I hope the above is helpful to you as you begin your new presidency. Thank you very much for asking me to share my opinion.

Sincerely,

Wilma P. Mankiller  
Principal Chief

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