



## CHEROKEE NATION

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Cynthia McCarthy  
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Dear Ms. McCarthy:

Thank you for your recent letter. I appreciate your interest in Native people and issues.

Perhaps the reason my name came to you is because I have a message for you. The message is simple. It is not true that Native people have been almost destroyed by alcohol. While alcohol is a significant problem in some native communities, the majority of Native people do not have alcohol related problems. In fact there is a revitalization of Native culture that is very hopeful.

While I appreciate your offer for assistance, I can't think of a specific way in which you can help at this point.

Thank you and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Wilma P. Mankiller  
Principal Chief

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