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Dear Friends:

Thank you for the wonderful note you sent to me right after I announced that I would seek re-election again. The prayers and support of people like you have meant the world to me.

The kind of "leader bashing" that is going on is part of what comes with leadership. Instead of praying for our leaders, praying that they will represent us well and trying to find ways to help them to their job, some people instead spread hate, anger and dissension. That goes on in virtually every institution from schools to government.

I often pray to have a good mind, be positive and to try to love and respect people, even my enemies. This is an on-going battle that has been an important part of my life. I can proudly say that I will leave office next year with no bitterness and hatred in my heart.

Best wishes to you and your family and again thank you very much for the nice note and the opportunity to share correspondence with you.

Sincerely,

Wilma P. Mankiller
Principal Chief