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145 North Street, NE
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Dear Director:

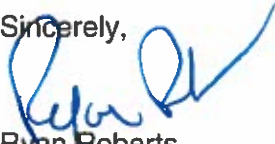
My name is Ryan Roberts and I am the First Assistant for the 15th Prosecutorial District in Muskogee County, Oklahoma. I am contacting you to offer our support of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's proposal to the Office on Violence Against Women for the FY 2017 Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program to fund the continuation of advocacy services to children and families impacted by sexual violence. This grant program will continue to ensure the delivery of a variety of advocacy and supportive services to child victims and non-offending family members and caregivers, through a holistic and collaborative approach in rural communities across the eleven counties that comprise the jurisdictional boundaries of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

As an active member of the law enforcement community, the District Attorney's Office is tasked with working to ensure victim safety and offender accountability. Our office is aware of the need for a variety of supportive services to ensure justice, support and healing for children impacted by sexual violence. We are entrusted by the community to counsel victims of sexual assault, prepare them for court, and ultimately present their testimony to a jury. This process is a delicate and oftentimes difficult task which takes teamwork. In the event this proposal is funded, we would expect our role in this project to include:

- Develop or continue a positive partnership with Muscogee (Creek) Nation,
- Help to promote child advocacy services by notifying families of the Family Violence Prevention Program

In sum, we strongly support the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Family Violence Prevention Program and their continued efforts to provide advocacy and supportive services to child victims of sexual violence and their families.

Sincerely,



Ryan Roberts
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