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Office on Violence Against Women
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Dear Director:

February 22, 2017

On behalf of the Okmulgee County District Attorney's Office, I write to express our office's support of the Muscogee Creek Nation's proposal to the Office on Violence Against Women for the Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program to fund the continuation of advocacy services to children and families impacted by sexual violence.

As the prosecuting agency in our county, we work in partnership with the Muscogee-Creek Nation on numerous cases to effectively and expeditiously prosecute crimes while simultaneously supporting victims of those crimes. In the event this proposal is funded, our office would continue to partnership with the Muscogee Creek Nation to provide advocacy and supportive services to victims of sexual violence and their families.

In sum, the Okmulgee County District Attorney's Office strongly supports 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,

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