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Director  
Office on Violence Against Women  
145 North Street, NE Suite 10 W.  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Director:

I write on behalf of Okmulgee Police Department in support of 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 Law Enforcement Officers tasked with working to ensure victim safety and/or offender accountability, we highly prioritize the need for a variety of supportive services to ensure safety, justice, support and healing for children impacted by sexual violence.

Through this letter, we acknowledge specific roles and responsibilities that are crucial to a successful and effective partnership. 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

The Okmulgee Police Department 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Prentice", written over a horizontal line.