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The Honorable Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
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Chief Gary Batton
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
1802 Chukka Hina
Durant, OK 74701

Dear Chief Hoskin and Chief Batton:

I write to you in my capacity as the Oklahoma Secretary of Tourism, Wildlife & Heritage, regarding the State of Oklahoma's respective Hunting and Fishing Compacts with your Governments. Those compacts will expire at the end of the year. As recently expressed by other representatives of the State of Oklahoma, the State would like to enter new Hunting & Fishing Compacts, which include terms that place all Oklahomans on equal footing.

Under the current compacts, members of the Cherokee Nation and the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma are granted hunting and fishing licenses at steeply discounted rates as compared to Oklahoma citizens who are not members of either tribe. Because we firmly believe that all Oklahomans should receive equal treatment under the law and otherwise, we extend to each of you, on behalf of your respective tribes, the opportunity to enter Hunting & Fishing Compacts that allow your governments to purchase licenses for your members at the same price that other Oklahoma citizens pay for the same licenses.

Please advise as soon as practicable whether the Cherokee Nation and the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma will accept such terms, thereby allowing your members, without having to utilize funds of their own, the opportunity to continue to hunt and fish throughout this great State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Pinnell".

Matt Pinnell

Secretary of Tourism, Wildlife & Heritage