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Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
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Dear Governor Butler-Wolfe

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Dear First Chief Johnson

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Dear Chief Harjo

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Chairman Jonathan Cernek
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Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
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Dear Principal Chief Hill

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Tribal Chair Stephanie Bryan
Poarch Band of Creek Indians
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Atmore AL 36502

Dear Ms. Bryan

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Dear Principal Chief Chilcoat

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