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Governor Wassana Responds to Concerns Over the Tribes' Audit

Concho, Okla. – The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes is “ready and willing” to discuss concerns raised by tribal members who are worried about the Tribes’ finances.

After more than ten (10) years of the Tribes receiving adverse opinions due to reasons that included failure to completely reconcile balance sheet accounts and failure to adopt a methodology for capital asset additions, the Tribes are on the correct path to turning their history of adverse opinions around.

In Governor Wassana’s first year in which he had control of the tribal finances, the Tribes made remarkable improvements. An independent audit of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes governmental programs for the year ending December 31, 2018, showed the Tribes had made significant improvements that warranted a modified (qualified) opinion. A modified opinion is a dramatic improvement over the past 10 years of adverse opinions that the Tribes had been receiving on its audits. “The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes is determined to be a non-low-risk auditee”, says Gov. Wassana.

“Coming into the first year of my administration, I knew that we had a lot of adversities to overcome in our treasury department”, said Gov. Wassana. “We wanted to focus on doing things the correct way and we put a lot of effort on improving our tribal audits so that the Tribes would be in a position to advance our tribes financially.”

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes is willing to provide any audit information to tribal members through our office of records. In addition, tribal members can access any annual audits through the Federal Audit Clearinghouse, where all federal program audits are available.

The Tribes fully adheres to all grant requirements, including annual independent audits. As our audit will show, our programs have seen vast improvements over the past 10 years. The Federal Audit Clearinghouse includes copies of forms and audits of the tribes and tribal entities, including the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Department of Housing.

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