



DENVER INDIAN HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES, INC.

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October 15, 2015

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

My name is Shannon Wells and I am an Hunkpapa Lakota tribal member living in Denver, Co. I am a patient at Denver Indian Health and Family Services, Inc.

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Sincerely,

Shannon E. Wells 10/27/15



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Dear Mr. President,

My name is TERESA E. BREWIE and I am a NaiKotai tribal
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My name is Naomi Lindsay and I am a Seminole/Cherokee tribal member living in Denver, CO. I am a patient at Denver Indian Health and Family Services, Inc.

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Dear Mr. President,

My name is Elizabeth Lindsay and I am a Seminole, Choctaw, Creek tribal member living in Denver, CO. I am a patient at Denver Indian

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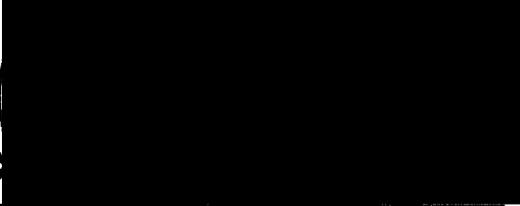
My name is Felicity Stevens and I am a Choctaw tribal
member living in Colorado Springs, Co. I am a patient at Denver Indian
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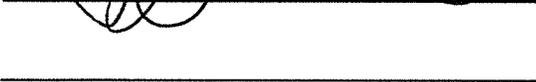
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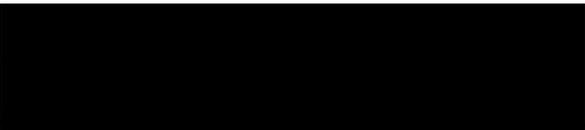
My name is Joedonna L. Gibson-Flanery and I am a Cherokee tribal
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