

**Subject: Please Support Victims of Domestic Violence with HB 3863**

Dear Senator [Last Name],

I am your constituent and a resident of [Your Town/City]. I respectfully request your support for HB 3863 to help victims escaping domestic violence to rebuild their lives.

Last year, the Legislature and Governor passed into law a requirement that public utilities waive initial credit checks and deposit requirements for documented victims of domestic violence to set up a new account. This is an important when dealing with the urgent need to move away from an abuser.

However, last year's law leaves out tribally operated domestic violence programs from the list of who can certify a victim's eligibility for the waiver. HB 3863 corrects this oversight.

Cherokee Nation is among 30 tribes in Oklahoma that operate programs for victims of domestic violence, making up a significant portion of the support services for victims in Oklahoma. They need the same tools as state certified shelter to help their clients.

I urge you to support victims by voting yes on HB 3863.

Thank you for your dedication to the great state of Oklahoma and your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Optional: Your Title/Position, if relevant]

[Your Contact Info]