

USET SPF Tribal Representative Nominee to FCC IAC

February 28, 2017

Dear Chairman Pai,

We submit the [attached letter](#) and [supporting documentation](#) on behalf of United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund (USET SPF) to express our strong support for the nomination of Chairwoman Cheryl Andrews-Maltais to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC) as a Tribal representative. USET SPF is a non-profit, inter-tribal organization representing 26 federally recognized Tribal Nations from Texas to Florida and up to Maine. USET SPF is dedicated to enhancing the development of federally recognized Tribal Nations, to improving the capabilities of Tribal governments, and assisting USET SPF Member Tribal Nations in dealing effectively with public policy issues and in serving the broad needs of Indian people.

Chairwoman of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), Cheryl Andrews-Maltais is a respected leader with an impressive resume and a long history of working on behalf of her Tribal Nation, USET SPF Member Tribal Nations, and Tribal Nations throughout the United States. In addition to serving on several Tribal advisory committees, she recently completed a Presidential Appointment as the first-ever Tribal leader to become a Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs within the Department of the Interior. Moreover, the Chairwoman has significant experience with cultural preservation and the Section 106 process, having served both as her Tribal Nation's Tribal Historic Preservation Officer/Director of Cultural Resources, as well as Chairwoman of the USET Culture and Heritage Committee. Her dedicated work on behalf of Tribal sacred sites and cultural resources, and to promoting and protecting the inherent sovereign authorities of Tribal Nations across Indian Country, makes her incredibly well-positioned to elevate the voices of Tribal governments at the FCC IAC.

In closing, USET SPF urges you to strongly consider Chairwoman Andrews-Maltais as you receive nominations for the FCC IAC. Should you have questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me using the information below.

Sincerely,

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