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To Whom It May Concern:

I am grateful to have the opportunity to put forward my candidacy for Chair of the AMERIND Board of Directors. Please accept this letter, along with my candidate interest form and platform, as my statement of intent.

Since 2017, I've had the privilege of serving on the AMERIND Board, representing Region 4, which includes East Texas, Kansas, Louisiana, and my home state of Oklahoma. During this time, I have faithfully contributed in various leadership roles—as Chair of the Risk Management and Administrative Committees, as Secretary, and currently as Vice-Chair. My service to AMERIND has always been guided by a deep commitment to protecting Indian Country and ensuring that our organization continues to be a strong, responsive force for the livelihood of every citizen our communities.

My passion and platform as a candidate for Chair is focused on building trust and maintaining integrity between AMERIND and every member. While AMERIND has grown into a successful multi-tribal enterprise, there are challenges that can be improved. We have members that consistently pay more in premiums than they receive in claims who are the backbone of our membership and are crucial to the long-term viability and success of the IHBG cell. These members sustain AMERIND year after year, and we need to ensure that our rating structure provides incentives needed to keep those performing members. As Chair, I will advocate for a rating structure that rewards and retains these high-performing members. I will also ensure that AMERIND staff presents timely recommendations to the Board so that we remain proactive rather than reactive in our decision-making.

My dedication to AMERIND's mission of Tribes Protecting Tribes is unwavering. Access to affordable insurance is vital to sustainable homeownership, a fundamental need. When Native American families have safe, decent, and affordable housing, they are better positioned to pursue broader goals and contribute to stronger, more vibrant communities. This, in turn, supports the protection, preservation, and nurturing of our languages, cultures and traditional ways of life.

Throughout my career, I have remained committed to serving Native communities and expanding access to affordable housing. As the Senior Deputy Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation (HACN), I lead a team of 300 employees across 20 offices within the Cherokee Nation reservation. In addition, I also serve as a member-at-large on the Southern Plains Indian Housing Association Executive Committee. Over the past 20 years, I've helped HACN deliver housing assistance through a wide range of programs. My experience includes strategic planning, operational leadership, HR and recruitment, and visionary management. I lead with integrity and hold myself to the highest standards—striving to inspire the same in others. I bring the analytical and collaborative skills necessary to lead AMERIND forward, building consensus among diverse, and at times competing, interests.

Affordable insurance is particularly critical in high-risk areas like Oklahoma. It has been both a professional and personal milestone to help bring affordable insurance options to our people. I am proud of AMERIND's positive impact and am eager to continue contributing to its success. I look forward to strengthening our collaboration and carrying forward our tradition of excellence across Indian Country.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jerri A. Killer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "K".

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