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**Re: Tribal consultation comments regarding proposed withdrawal and reconsideration of EPA's October 1, 2020 decision approving the State of Oklahoma's SAFETEA request.**

Dear Mr. Byrne,

On behalf of the Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, we appreciate the invitation in consultation regarding the EPA's proposed withdrawal and reconsideration of its October 1, 2020 Decision. I am pleased to submit these comments responding to the EPA's Proposed Withdrawal and reconsideration.

### **Comments**

The Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma would welcome an opportunity to work with the State of Oklahoma to collaborate on resources that will be affected by EPA's SAFETEA Decision and how to protect water, air, land, natural resources, and public health. The Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma strongly supports the proposed withdrawal of the October 1 decision. Allowing time for more meaningful engagement in the government-to-government consultation process.

Sincerely,

  
Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma  
Tribal Council