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The Honorable Darryl L. Croft  
Mayor  
Town of Chino Valley  
202 North State Route 89  
Chino Valley, AZ 86323

Dear Mayor Croft:

We are pleased to notify you that your comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended 2016 qualifies for GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

When a Certificate of Achievement is awarded to a government, an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement (AFRA) is also presented to the individual(s) or department designated by the government as primarily responsible for its having earned the Certificate. This award has been sent to the submitter as designated on the application.

We hope that you will arrange for a formal presentation of the Certificate and Award of Financial Reporting Achievement, and that appropriate publicity will be given to this notable achievement. A sample news release is enclosed to assist with this effort.

We hope that your example will encourage other government officials in their efforts to achieve and maintain an appropriate standard of excellence in financial reporting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Buikema". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Todd Buikema  
Acting Director, Technical Services Center