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From: Nona Danforth, Petitioner
Candace Danforth, Petitioner
Kerry Danforth, Petitioner
Linda S. Dallas, Petitioner
Cathy L. Metoxen, Petitioner
Amanda Gerondale, Petitioner

Date: July 3, 2014

RE: Petition for Rule Making in the Supreme Court Of Wisconsin

We, the Petitioners, respectfully submit the attached Petition to Amend/Dissolve the State of Wisconsin Statute 801.54. We have exhausted all remedies through our tribe, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.

We recognize and respect the sovereignty of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin and its right to govern itself. However, we believe the government officials, relevant areas of the Oneida Tribe, the judicial system and its elected judicial officers, have failed to protect our children and families. For this reason, we have chosen to pursue this matter as a means to defend and protect our children and families to the best of our ability.

Our final attempt to rectify the matters was on July 8, 2013, at the ultimate tribal level within our tribe, which is before the Oneida General Tribal Council ("GTC"), the supreme governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.

The matters were never allowed to be heard during the July 8, 2013, Oneida General Tribal Council Meeting, because Oneida Business Committee Council Member Brandon "Yellowbird" Stevens made a motion to "remove the rest of the items from the agenda." The meeting cost the Oneida Tribe approximately \$250,000.

Oneida Business Committee Council Members Melinda Danforth, Paul Ninham and Vice-Chairman Greg Matson supported Councilman Brandon Yellowbird Stevens motion that stripped the petitioners and the families of their constitutional right to be heard by the Oneida General Tribal Council.

Oneida Business Committee Members Melinda Danforth, Brandon Yellowbird Stevens and Paul Ninham are all members of the Oneida Legislative Operating Committee. Together the three (3) have control of the legislative law making processes of the Oneida Tribe.

The Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin does not have a court. The Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin does not have any "judges". The Oneida Tribe has an Oneida Appeals Commission. The Oneida Tribe has commissioners whom are commonly referred to as "Judicial Officers".

We have attempted to hold the Oneida Appeals Commissioners, their staff and their legal counsel accountable for their actions, as well as their inactions, by way of exercising our constitutional right and submitting a petition to the Oneida Tribal Secretary's office in March of 2013, requesting a Special General Tribal Council Meeting to demand an investigation of the Oneida Appeals Commission.

Again, the Oneida Business Committee failed to afford us our constitutional right to call a Special General Tribal Council Meeting by refusing to call the Special General Tribal Council Meeting. The meeting has never been called, the violations continue, no one is held accountable, no corrective measures have been taken and our children and families continue to pay the price and suffer the consequences!

Oneida Tribal Council Chairman Edward J. Delgado and Tribal Treasurer Tina Danforth have attempted to have the matters addressed. However, his attempts have been blocked by the Oneida Legislative Operating Committee which is led by Oneida Business Committee Councilwoman Melinda Danforth (LOC Chairwoman); and supported by Oneida Business Committee Councilman Brandon Stevens (LOC Member) and Oneida Business Committee Councilman Paul Ninham (LOC Member).

For all the reasons above and more, we, the Petitioners, respectfully submit the attached Petition to Amend/Dissolve the State of Wisconsin Statute 801.54.