



## *Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association*

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**RE: Written Comment on Petition 7-11C**

Dear Supreme Court Justices:

I am writing to you in my capacity as President of the Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association (WTJA).

In light of the issue raised at the hearing on the Petition last November, specifically whether cases can be transferred from tribal court to state court, I am placing the topic on the agenda for discussion at the next quarterly meeting of the Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association scheduled for April. WTJA cannot bind our member judges and courts to take certain action; however, WTJA can encourage examination of issues and foster discussion and sharing among our members.

I am aware that at least some tribal courts in Wisconsin have transferred cases to state court. This occurs in different ways. At least one court, the Ho-Chunk Nation, has a formal written rule providing for transfers; I have heard anecdotally that other courts make transfers informally.

Sincerely,

  
Hon. Eugene Whitefish  
President, Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association

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Cc: WTJA Executive Council