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Chief Justice Patience Drake Roggensack  
Associate Justices of the Wisconsin Supreme Court  
Supreme Court of Wisconsin  
110 East Main Street, Suite 440  
Madison, WI 53703

Re: Rule Petition 14-02  
In the Matter of the Petition to Amend/Dissolve Wisconsin Statute § 801.54  
Discretionary Transfer of Civil Actions to Tribal Court

Dear Chief Justice Roggensack and Associate Justices:

I write on behalf of the Wisconsin State-Tribal Justice Forum in response to Rule Petition 14-02, a Petition to Amend/Dissolve Wisconsin Statute § 801.54, Discretionary Transfer of Civil Actions to Tribal Court.

The Forum has carefully reviewed Rule Petition 14-02.

The Memorandum constituting the petition, dated July 3, 2014, does not appear to address any particular concerns with the application of WIS. STAT. § 801.54, or address any suggested amendment to the existing rule. The Cover Sheet accompanying the petition similarly does not address particular problems regarding application of the rule, but rather simply echoes concerns raised by dissenting justices at the time of the rule's adoption in 2008 (Petition 07-11), and its amendment in 2009 regarding child support cases (Petition 07-11A). Those concerns will be addressed in separate comments of the Forum relating to review of the rule generally (Petition 07-11C).

Rule Petition 14-02 appears to be a result of dissatisfaction of the petitioners with certain actions of the Oneida General Tribal Council and/or the Oneida Business Committee Council, and

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general concerns about the Oneida Tribal Judicial System, matters upon which the Wisconsin State-Tribal Justice Forum expresses no opinion.

Because Petition 14-02 does not address WIS. STAT. § 801.54 with any specificity, the Forum respectfully requests that the petition be denied.

Sincerely,

Neal A. Nielsen III, Chair  
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