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Representative Jeffrey L. Mursau
Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations
Room 113 West
State Capitol
P.O. Box 8953
Madison, WI 53708

Re: Wisconsin Retrocession from Public Law 280

Dear Representative Mursau,


On Thursday, January 9, 2014, the Board of Directors for the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Inc. (GLITC) had the opportunity to revisit the September 26, 2013, information provided by the State of Wisconsin regarding retrocession from PL280. During this review, the tribes' chairpersons/presidents considered expressing written support for the continued exploration of Wisconsin's retrocession from PL280.

This letter serves as notice that the GLITC Board of Directors agrees the State should continue its efforts to examine what the retrocession process entails. The advantages and disadvantages of retrocession should be further explored by both the state and the tribes; it is an important aspect of the continued due diligence on this topic. Retrocession is a topic for which both the state and tribes should be well versed in order to accurately communicate the facts about what retrocession means for all concerned.

The GLITC Board of Directors is confident tribal representatives serving on the Special Committee on State/Tribal Relations will continue to promote open dialogue on this topic, and we will continue to work through the tribal representatives for updates. The GLITC Board of Directors also appreciates the open relationship enjoyed with various state officials and will continue to engage in direct communication when appropriate and necessary.

Your time, attention and support on this subject are appreciated.

Sincerely,



Michael W. Allen, Sr.
Executive Director