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Victoria Newton
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Room 114
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Re: Special Counsel Update, October – November 2022

Dear Honorable Council Members:

I write to update you on my work as Special Counsel representing the State of Iowa in criminal prosecutions of non-native offenders for offenses occurring on the Meskwaki Settlement. Our workload has continued to be fairly heavy during this reporting period. We have also begun taking cases wherein the offender is non-Native and the victim is Native in light of the holding by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta*. We have reached out for direction from the U.S. Attorney, Iowa Attorney General, and Attorney General for the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa to determine if we may also prosecute non-Native offenders who victimize the tribal government.

I have enclosed an invoice containing a detailed accounting of my time broken down by each particular case. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to continuing to serve the State of Iowa.

Sincerely,



Michael Marquess

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Cc: Office of the Attorney General for the State of Iowa