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Victoria Newton
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Room 114
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Re: Special Counsel Update, December 2022 – January 2023

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. The number of criminal matters has been increasing over the last few months. This is due in part to the U.S. Supreme Court holding in Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta, which now allows us to prosecute non-natives who victimize Native Americans or the Tribe itself. I am glad to see this change as it allows us to better provide justice for all.

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