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**VIA ELECTRONIC AND REGULAR MAIL**

Christopher Vasil  
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Court  
Supreme Court of the United States  
One First Street N.E.  
Washington, DC 20543

Re: *Madison County and Oneida County, New York v. Oneida Indian Nation of New York, et al* (No. 12-604)


Dear Mr. Vasil:

I write on behalf of the petitioners, Madison County and Oneida County, New York (“the Counties”) to provide an update on the settlement agreement between the Oneida Indian Nation of New York, New York State, Madison County, and Oneida County. As previously reported to the Court by our letter dated June 3, 2013, one term of the settlement agreement would resolve the question pending before the Court. (A copy of the executed settlement agreement is attached.) Since our last report, the parties sought and obtained the necessary approval from the New York State Legislature. The settlement agreement was submitted on December 12, 2013 to the Northern District of New York for its approval. The parties anticipate that the Northern District of New York will approve the settlement agreement and accept a stipulation of dismissal. The timing for the final step is not clear. The Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Indians moved to intervene. Briefing on that motion is nearly complete.

The agreement expressly provides that the Counties’ petition for certiorari will not be withdrawn until all approvals are obtained and the Effective Date has occurred. Therefore, the Counties continue to request respectfully that the Court defer taking action on their petition while the settlement agreement is pending final approval.

The Counties will promptly advise the Court when the final approval is obtained and the Effective Date has occurred, or as other developments warrant.

Very respectfully,



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