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Justice Chutich: I felt like I needed to send a brief response to the information the committee received in the last week or two. Please share with the other committee members. Thank you.

Dear Committee Members:

I feel obligated to write in response to some materials sent to the Committee regarding the White Earth Nation Court. The materials you were sent reference personnel matters at the White Earth Nation Court while I was Chief Judge. I am not at liberty to address personnel issues as I was not at liberty to do so as a Fourth Judicial District Judge. Further, recently I resigned from my position as Chief Judge of the White Earth Nation after much consideration. I continue to serve as a tribal appellate judge for another tribe. Finally, I continue to support the proposed changes to Rule 10 and internal personnel issues at a tribal court are not relevant to Rule 10 or the proposed changes to Rule 10.