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Mr. Stan Konesky
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Dear Stan:

As you know I have worked with the Passport Committee for several years over the issue of standardizing the format for Orders of Protection in order to reduce confusion in determining if the documents are "valid on their face". This has been a difficult issue to address considering the many different types of forms used across the many jurisdictions throughout the country.

In an effort to assist any Connecticut Law Enforcement Agencies in verifying the validity of an Order of Protection issued by a Tribal Court, I have enclosed a Directory of Tribal Court systems actively operating in Indian Country.

Due to the diverse nature of the Tribal Courts systems it may be difficult to make contact with the Court or Law Enforcement Agency associated with the Order of Protection presented by the victim(s). The Bureau of Indian Affairs, District 6, which covers the East Coast between Maine and Florida to the Mississippi River has agreed to help with any requests for assistance.

I have access to contact numbers for many members of the BIA Law Enforcement and Tribal Police Agency throughout the country. Should any Connecticut agency require assistance in verifying or obtaining certified copies of Orders of Protection I may be able to assist in establishing contact with the proper persons in Indian Country, I can be contacted via Mohegan Tribal Communications at (860) 862-7460.

Very truly yours,

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