United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY Washington, DC 20240

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Mr. Ron Yob PO Box 2937 Grand Rapids, Michigan 49501-2937

Dear Mr. Yob:

Thank you for the email dated August 3, 2023, from your attorney of record, Mr. Zeke Fletcher, regarding the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians (GRB; Petitioner #146). The Office of Federal Acknowledgment received the attached letter on the same date.

You requested an extension of the comment period (closes on August 28, 2023) on the proposed finding regarding the GRB's petition for Federal acknowledgment. In your letter, you also requested copies of certain documents which we will address separately in a subsequent response.

Upon review of the extension request, the Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs has found good cause to grant a 180-day extension of the comment period. Comments are due now on or before Monday, February 26, 2024. This letter notifies GRB and interested and informed parties of this extension.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, then please do not hesitate to reach OFA Director Lee Fleming by phone at (202) 513-7650 or by email at <u>Lee.Fleming@bia.gov</u>. Feel free to contact in writing the Office of Federal Acknowledgment at 1849 C Street, NW, MS-4071-MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

Sincerely,

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Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment

cc: Zeke Fletcher Interested and Informed Parties