



September 5, 2025

Senator Gary Peters
Hart Senate Office Building, Suite 724
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Elissa Slotkin
291 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Peters and Slotkin,

On behalf of the Michigan West Coast Chamber of Commerce, I am writing in support of S. 2160, the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indian Restoration Act of 2025, and its companion bill, H.R. 3255.

Federal recognition for the Grand River Bands is not only a matter of fairness but also of economic strength for West Michigan. Recognition would allow the Tribe to access federal resources and pursue development opportunities that generate jobs, attract investment, and contribute to the long-term prosperity of our region.

Congress set a precedent in 1994 when it recognized the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. The history of the Grand River Bands is virtually identical, and it is time to extend the same recognition and unlock the same opportunities.

The West Coast Chamber strongly supports this legislation and the benefits it will bring to our business community and to West Michigan as a whole. Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jodi Owczarski".

Jodi Owczarski
President & CEO
Michigan West Coast Chamber of Commerce