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Ron Allen  
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Dear Mr. Allen,

My name is Vernelle Lussier, I am the newly elected Tribal Treasurer of the Red Lake Nation. I succeeded former Treasurer Annette Johnson last year. I wanted to express to you my interest in serving on the Self Governance Advisory Council (SGAC). I am excited in taking on a leadership role at Red Lake, but also in continuing a long tradition of other Red Lake leaders in being a voice and advocating on behalf of all of Indian Country.

I understand that there are currently two Midwest Region vacancies on SGAC, the Primary Representative formerly held by Annette Johnson, and the Alternate Representative formerly held by Jane Rohl.

I would be interested in serving SGAC as the Primary Representative (1<sup>st</sup> choice), or Alternate Representative (2<sup>nd</sup> choice). I understand that after consultation with Midwest Region tribes, Midwest Regional Director Tammie Poitra sent you three Midwest nominees for consideration at the March 7th meeting:

Vernelle Lussier, Tribal Treasurer, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians  
Jennifer Webster, Councilwoman, Oneida Nation  
Donna Swallows, Tribal Council Treasurer/EDC Board Chair, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

One thing I wanted to mention, I will not be able to attend the March 7th meeting, due to a previously scheduled family medical procedure. But I will be in attendance online.

In closing, I am excited about the prospect of serving on the SGAC as a Midwest Representative, and if selected, to advocate on behalf of the Midwest Region and all tribes.

Thank you,

Vernelle Lussier  
Tribal Treasurer, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians