

**Complaint to the United States Attorney for the Western District of  
Michigan  
For Possible Election Fraud  
By the  
Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians**

\_\_\_\_\_, 2008

**The Honorable Charles R. Gross  
U.S. Attorney's Office  
Citizens Bank, 2nd Floor  
1930 US Highway 41 West  
Marquette, Michigan 49855**

**Dear Mr. Gross:**

**This letter is to respectfully request an investigation by the United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan for possible violations of the civil rights of members of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.**

**During the 2008 Sault Tribe Election there were numerous complaints from Tribal members stating that they did not receive a ballot in order to vote in the Chairman's election.**

**Members complained that they did receive a ballot to vote in the primary election *but* did not receive a ballot to vote in the general election. In other cases, members were deprived of their right to vote altogether even though there was no change in their status to make them ineligible to participate in this most recent election. We understand that there may have been a few ballots lost in the mail but when you look objectively at the number of members who did not receive ballots for one reason or another, you can only conclude that there may have been a conscious and deliberate attempt to deprive members of their civil rights.**

**Inquiries and complaints were made to the Election Committee Chairperson, Michael McKerchie, to address these issues but he failed to provide no real answers or resolution to these various complaints.**

**We are not confident that this most recent election for Chairperson was conducted honestly and fairly in accordance with the laws of the Tribe. We further believe that there is no internal remedy to address these constant and ongoing violations of our civil rights. If there was in fact a conscious and deliberate attempt to deprive members of their civil rights we are left with no choice but to contact you to request a**

**full and complete investigation of these election irregularities by your office.**

**There are federal cases where federal intervention occurred to vindicate the civil rights of Tribal members. We respectfully request that you conduct a thorough investigation to determine if there were criminal violations of federal statutes to deprive Tribal members of their right to vote.**

**Please find attached a signed notarized affidavit requesting your intervention to address this matter.**

**Sincerely,**

**AFFIDAVIT TO THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN  
DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of affiant), appearing before  
the undersigned notary and being duly sworn, states the following:

1. My full name is \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. I am a duly registered voter and member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.
3. I received a primary ballot for the most recent election for Chairperson and certain Board members for the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.
4. I did in fact vote and mailed my ballot to the Election committee for the primary election.
4. I did not receive a general election ballot for Chairperson and certain Board members for Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.
5. I believe that there was a conscious and deliberate attempt to deprive me of my right to vote in the general election.
6. I believe there is no internal remedy to address violations of my civil rights.
7. I, therefore, request a full and complete investigation of these election irregularities by the United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan.

Signature of affiant \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

(Notary Seal)

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STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of affiant), appearing before  
the undersigned notary and being duly sworn, states the following:

1. My full name is \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. I am a member of Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.
3. I have participated in primary and general elections of Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.
4. I believe I am eligible to vote in elections of Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians in accordance with the laws of the Tribe.
5. My status has not changed to cause me to be ineligible to participate in primary and general elections of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.
6. I did not receive a ballot for either the primary or general election for the most recent election for Chairperson of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.
7. I believe there was a conscious and deliberate attempt to deprive me of my right to vote in this most recent election.
8. I believe there is no internal remedy to address violations of my civil rights.
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