



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians

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Via E-mail

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April 15, 2026

The Honorable Pete Stauber
United States House of Representatives
145 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Nomination of Adam Candler to Serve on USDA Tribal Advisory Committee

Dear Congressman Stauber:

Aaaniin. As Chief Executive of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, I recently nominated Adam Candler to potentially serve on the USDA Tribal Advisory Committee that is appointed by USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins. I respectfully request that you send her a letter of support for Adam's nomination.

An enrolled member of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (Wisconsin), Adam has worked for me for the past 21 months as my Senior Federal Government Advisor. Adam graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School and has worked as an attorney in Indian Country for more than ten years, including in prior positions with the Mille Lacs Band and the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC). Adam also has 13 years of experience serving in the U.S. Army Reserve, mostly as an Engineer Officer and ultimately reaching the rank of Major.

Adam has lived with his wife in Forest Lake, Minnesota, for the past 11 years. I have enclosed both my nomination letter and Adam's resume for your background information. If you are interested, I would also be more than happy to schedule a call to discuss this nomination. Thank you for considering this request to send a letter of support.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Virgil Wind", is written over a horizontal line.

Virgil Wind
Chief Executive
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe

Letter from Chief Executive Virgil Wind to Rep. Pete Stauber (R-MN-8)
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1. MLBO Letter Nominating Adam Candler to Serve on USDA Tribal Advisory Committee
2. Adam Candler's Resume