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I write in support of the proposed changes to APR 8 that would allow out-of-state counsel for Indian Tribes to appear under limited circumstances in Indian Child Welfare Act cases without being required to meet the full pro hac vice requirements. I represent the Squaxin Island Tribe in such cases, and have been allowed to appear in Oregon Courts under a similar rule. Prior to the change in the Oregon rule, the Tribe had to expend significant resources (including hiring local counsel) simply to appear and intervene, as is the Tribe's right under federal law. Washington Courts should remove this obstacle to out-of-state Tribes seeking to protect those same rights.

Thank you

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