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## Statement from the Chair

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### **Tribe receives unfavorable decision in Hemp Lawsuit**

(Keshena, WI) – The Menominee Indian Tribe has received the United States District Court for Eastern District of Wisconsin’s order granting the DEA’s motion to dismiss and denying the Tribe’s motion for summary judgment. The Tribe was seeking a judgement declaring that the cultivation of industrial hemp for agricultural/academic research purposes was lawful under the 2014 Farm Bill, 7 U.S.C. § 5940, which created an exemption to the Controlled Substances Act for the cultivation of hemp in certain circumstances. The decision was received late in the day on Monday May 23, 2016. The Tribe is disappointed with this recent setback that challenges our sovereignty as a Tribal Nation and inhibits our ability to pursue research initiatives exploring the viability of this versatile and sustainable crop. The Tribe is currently reviewing the decision to determine what options it may or may not pursue.

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