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To whom it may concern:

I'm writing to comment on the proposal to amend the Michigan Court Rules, specifically MCR 2.403.

The proposal to amend MCR 2.403 would reduce the time in which a party must accept or reject case evaluation from 28 to 14 days.

This amendment would likely present problems for the City of Battle Creek. Our City Commission meetings are scheduled for the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Some months we may have three weeks elapse between meetings, thus we may not have a scheduled meeting of the City Commission that occurs within a fourteen (14) day time frame in which to allow the City Commission to go into closed session to obtain authority to accept or reject a case evaluation award. We would be required to schedule a special meeting, if an acceptable date could be arranged, and this would be at great additional expense to the City, including nearly \$2,000 for compensation to Commissioners alone.

Thank you for your consideration.

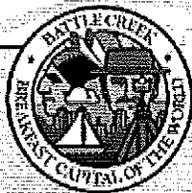
Sincerely,  
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