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I am writing to express my objection and to strongly encourage the Court NOT to amend MCR 2.403 to reduce from 28 to 14 days the time to accept or reject a case evaluation award. I am corporation counsel for Bay County, a Michigan Municipality. Because of the process the Bay County (as well as virtually all other municipalities) must follow to comply with the Open Meeting Act, as well as the internal processes of our municipality, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to obtain fully informed authority to either accept or reject such an award within 14 days. It is already difficult obtain such approval even within the 28 day time period without the necessity of calling a special public meeting. Such an amendment to MCR 2.403 would adversely impact public entities as a whole, at the taxpayers' expense. Please consider rejecting the proposed amendment.

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