



April 27, 2009

George Skibine
Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Re: Tohono O'odham Nation's Fee-to-Trust Application for the Development of
Gaming on Land in Glendale, Arizona

Dear Mr. Skibine:

As leaders of five Apache and Yavapai tribes in Arizona, we are writing in opposition to the Tohono O'odham Nation's fee-to-trust application for approximately 135 acres in Glendale, Arizona based on the Tohono O'odham Nation's intended use of the land for the development of a casino. Enclosed are resolutions adopted by each of our councils stating the reasons for our opposition. Also enclosed is our guest editorial which appeared in the Arizona Republic's March 15, 2009 edition.

Each of our gaming enterprises draws significant patronage from the Phoenix metropolitan area. Should the Tohono O'odham Nation, which is headquartered 160 miles south of their proposed Glendale casino site, have its application approved, each of our tribes would sustain economic losses.

It is of further concern to us that the proposed Glendale casino violates promises that seventeen tribes, including the Tohono O'odham Nation, made to Arizona voters in 2002 during our successful campaign to enact Prop. 202, which among other provisions authorized extending the term of our gaming compacts by twenty three years. In an effort to limit the potential negative impacts of casino gaming within Arizona's major urban areas, the sponsoring tribes of Prop. 202 promised that the number of casinos in the Phoenix area would not exceed the seven in existence in 2002 through the duration of the compacts' extended term. Breaking faith with Arizona voters inevitably will damage tribes' public credibility. We have relied on strong public support for tribal gaming in the past, but risk losing that support if voters don't believe we have kept our word.

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We would very much appreciate the opportunity to discuss with you in greater detail our objections to this application. We will contact your office in the next few days to follow up on this request.

Sincerely,

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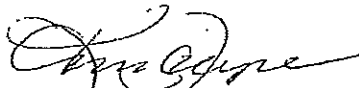
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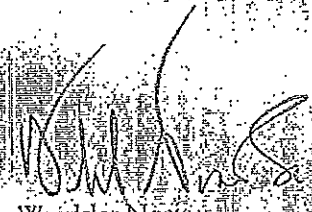
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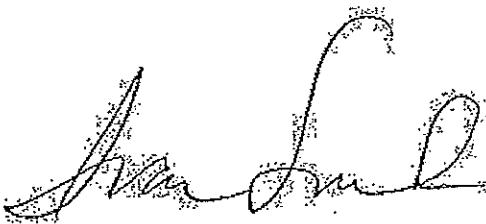
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