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DISTRICT 12

Arizona House of Representatives
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

February 23, 2009

The Honorable Janice K. Brewer, Governor
Executive Tower
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Gubernatorial veto of the gaming proposal for Glendale

Dear Governor Brewer:

We, the undersigned members of the 49th Legislature, would like to convey our profound dismay at the plan to bring gaming to Glendale through an off-reservation agreement. As you know, under federal law, you and the United States Secretary of the Interior both have to approve such an agreement (25 U.S.C. 2719). Your veto power of this ill-advised concept is critical.

The off-reservation gaming provision in the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) was never intended to allow those with existing reservation lands to simply choose a plot of land in the heart of a major urban setting. The narrow exception in IGRA was only intended to allow gaming for those tribes with outstanding land claims and those seeking federal recognition as a sovereign tribe. Of the thirty-three off-reservation applications approved by the Secretary of the Interior only three have been approved by state Governors since 1988. Please let us not follow in the footsteps of Michigan, Washington and Wisconsin.

It is our desire that you issue an unequivocal statement that you will forever and all time oppose an off-reservation gaming facility in the heart of the City of Glendale.

We wish the Tohono O'odham Nation continuing success in their existing facilities, Desert Diamond Casinos, but feel that the plan for expansion does not follow the spirit of the exception in IGRA.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Jerry Weiers
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Boone <i>John Boone</i>	✓	
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Heinz		
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Jones <i>Jones</i>	✓	
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Lesko		
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Montenegro <i>Montenegro</i>	✓	
Murphy <i>Murphy</i>	✓	
Nichols <i>Nichols</i>	✓	
Pancrazi		
Patterson		
Pratt <i>Pratt</i>	✓	
Quelland <i>Quelland</i>	✓	
Reagan <i>Reagan</i>	✓	
Schapiro		
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Sinema <i>Sinema</i>	✓	
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