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Potawatomi Press Statement

Statement from Jeff Crawford, Forest County Potawatomi Community Attorney General, in response to the news of the Regional Bureau of Indian Affairs recommending preliminary approval of the off-reservation casino project in Kenosha.

“It is disappointing that the Regional Bureau of Indian Affairs would recommend approving an Indian casino in Wisconsin that would end up transferring hundreds of millions of dollars to the millionaire developer and out-of-state gaming interests heavily backing this off-reservation casino project.”

“Wisconsin gaming is supposed to help Wisconsin, not out-of-state gaming interests from Connecticut. Additionally, Indian gaming is supposed to help Native Americans, not millionaire developers.”

“The Potawatomi look forward to having the chance to review this public recommendation.”

Information regarding the Kenosha off-reservation casino proposal:

The Connecticut Mohegan Tribe and millionaire developer Dennis Troha have partnered with the Menominee Tribe to propose an \$808 million off-reservation casino in Kenosha. The proposed casino would be the largest casino located between Atlantic City and Las Vegas.

This is the second attempt to locate an off-reservation casino in Kenosha. The last effort in the late 1990's was led by a Chicago developer who had past business dealings with two organized crime associates. Dennis Troha, the developer of the current Kenosha casino proposal, was a board member in the earlier Kenosha project. The Menominee Indian Tribe was the Native American partner in that project too.

Public opinion surveys consistently show that Wisconsin voters disapprove of new off-reservation casinos.

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