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Senator Ringhand Statement on Governor Evers' Approval of Beloit Gaming and Entertainment Center

"I would like to thank Governor Evers for giving final go-ahead for the Beloit Gaming and Entertainment Center. The Ho-Chunk Nation and City of Beloit have worked together on this project for years. The project has received widespread community support from voters, business leaders as well as local government. For years, Beloit has endured higher unemployment rates than the rest of the state and the Gaming and Entertainment Center is expected to bring in an additional 1,500 permanent jobs to the area. Once we get past the pandemic, the Beloit Gaming and Entertainment Center will make a welcome addition to the mix of entertainment options in the stateline area."

Quick Notes:

- The Beloit Gaming and Entertainment Center is a proposed \$405 million dollar facility to be built on a 75 acre site ½ mile north of the Illinois border.
- It will be located at the intersection of Willowbrook and Colley Rds. across the interstate from the Beloit Travel Wisconsin Welcome Center and rest area.
- Construction will create approximately 2,000 jobs and generate in \$540 million in spending.
- Once open, it is expected to create 1500 permanent jobs.
- A revenue sharing agreement with the Ho-Chunk Nation would pay both the City of Beloit and Rock County up to \$3 million each year
- Once fully developed, The Gaming and Entertainment Center will reportedly feature a 300-room hotel, 5 restaurants and 2,200 slots along with 50 table games in the casino. The project would also reportedly include a 40,000-square-foot water park, an employee child care facility and 30,000-square-foot conference center and entertainment venue.