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Honorable Charles Fox
Tribal Chairman
Sokaogon Chippewa Community
Route 1, Box 625
Crandon, Wisconsin 54520-9635

Dear Chairman Fox:

On February 27, 1998 we received the Amendments to the Sokaogon Chippewa Community and the State of Wisconsin Gaming Compact of 1991 (Amendment), dated February 20, 1998. We have completed our review of the Amendment and conclude that it does not violate the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Federal law, or our trust responsibility. The payment to the State under the amendment appears to be reasonable compensation to preserve the exclusive (excepting other compacted facilities) right to conduct the forms of Class III gaming authorized by the Compact. Therefore, pursuant to Section 11(d)(8)(A) of IGRA, 25 U.S.C. §2710(d)(8)(A), and delegated authority in 209 DM 8.1, we approve the Amendment. The Amendment shall take effect when the notice of our approval, pursuant to Section 11(d)(3)(B) of IGRA, 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(3)(B), is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

We wish the Tribe and the State success in their economic venture.

Sincerely,

Kevin Gover
Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

Enclosure

Identical letter sent to: Honorable Tommy G. Thompson
Governor of Wisconsin
State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin 53707

cc: Minneapolis Area Director w/copy of approved Amendment
Supt., Great Lakes Agency w/copy of approved Amendment
Twin Cities Field Solicitor w/copy of approved Amendment
Wisconsin U.S. Attorney w/copy of approved Amendment

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