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COMMENTS ON THE FEIS



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October 26, 2020

Ms. Tammie Poitra Midwest Regional Director Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Region Norman Pointe II Building 5600 West American Boulevard, Suite 500 Bloomington, Minnesota 55347

RE: FEIS Comments. Little River Band Trust Acquisition and Casino Project

Dear Ms. Poitra,

The Fruitport Township Board of Trustees supports the Little River Band of Ottawa Indian (LRBOI) and their proposal to develop a casino in our township.

The Little River Band met with Fruitport Township after they purchased the former Great Lakes Downs Racetrack in 2008. We were excited to learn about their economic development plans and interests in collaboration with the local community.

We passed a resolution supporting the Little River Band's proposed casino July 12, 2011. The township recognized this project as an entertainment venue designed for the purpose of economic growth, tourism, and helping make Muskegon County another destination point for tourists of Michigan.

The Fruitport Township Board appreciates LRBOI's perseverance in the approval process and continues its support for their gaming proposal. Our community has been waiting for this project that will generate jobs and economic development to help the region thrive. It will be the catalyst to draw more families into our area.

LRBOI has shown that is committed to improving the community for tribal members and the community at large in which they live. LRBOI is constructing a residential development of 300 homes in Fruitport Township called "Odeno" or "Place of Many Hearts". The tribe incorporated elements of their culture in the development's design.

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The Fruitport Township Board unanimously supports this project, believes it will not be detrimental to the local community and encourages the Secretary to issue a determination in favor of the project.

Thank You,

Heidi Tice Fruitport Township Supervisor 5865 Airline Road

Fruitport, MI 49415

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cc: Larry Romanelli

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2608 Government Center Drive

Manistee, MI 49660

cc: Tom Shields

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Via email: toms@mrgmi.com

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Midwest Regional Director
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Bloomington, Minnesota 55347

November 4, 2020

Dear Ms. Poitra,

As an Elected Official and someone who lives in the Muskegon community, I agree with the conclusion of the FEIS that the proposed casino and related developments are the best choice for this land.

Best regards,

Tony Moulatsiotis

Muskegon County Treasurer

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Ms. Tammie Poitra Midwest Regional Director Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Region Norman Pointe II Building 5600 West American Boulevard, Suite 500 Bloomington, Minnesota 55347

November 12, 2020

RE: FEIS Comments, Little River Band Trust Acquisition and Casino Project

Dear Ms. Poitra.

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As a former Chairman of the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners and current State Representative, I support the Little River Band of Ottawa Indian (LRBOI) Tribe and their proposal to develop a casino in Muskegon County.

The Little River Band members are part of our community. The Tribe met with Muskegon County after they purchased the former racetrack in 2008. We were excited to learn about their economic development plans and interests in collaboration with the local community.

The Muskegon County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution supporting the Little River Band's proposed casino in 2008, 2014 and 2018 stating such support to be beneficial and in the best interest of the county and its citizens. Our resolution also cited that the opening of a casino in Muskegon County will have a positive economic impact on not only the local economy, but nearby counties as well.

As a state representative, my position hasn't changed. The Little River Band's proposed casino development will be an entertainment venue designed for the purpose of economic growth and tourism, which will help to make Muskegon County another great travel destination.

I've worked closely with the LRBOI leadership over the years and have been impressed with their perseverance and commitment during the approval process. Our community has been waiting for this project that will generate jobs and economic development.

I strongly encourage you to approve the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Tribe's fee-to-trust application for land in Fruitport Township, Muskegon, County, Michigan, so that project can be sent to the Governor for her concurrence. If you have any questions, please contact me directly at (231) 740-2724.

Sincerely,

Terry J. Sabo State Representative

92nd District Muskegon, MI







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Michigan Division

November 18, 2020

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> In Reply Refer To: HDA-MI

Ms. Diane K. Rosen Regional Director Bureau of Indian Affairs Midwest Region Norman Pointe U Building 5600 West American Boulevard Suite 500 Bloomington, MN 55437

Attn: Mr. Scott Doig, Regional Environmental Scientist

Final EIS Comments, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Trust Acquisition and Casino

Dear Ms. Rosen:

The Michigan Division of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as a Cooperating Agency under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), has reviewed the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Trust Acquisition and Casino Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and offers the following comments.

FHWA is appreciative of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) response to our January 4, 2019 letter. BIA satisfactorily addressed FHWA's concerns and comments identified during our review of the Draft EIS. FHWA was pleased to see Section 5.8 of the FEIS stating "The Tribe shall seek to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with MDOT to address short-term transportation issues, recommended roadway improvements, and longer term areas to monitor possible future actions needed."

As a cooperating agency, FHWA is recommending BIA encourage the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians to initiate MOU discussions with MDOT as soon as practical after a Record of Decision is issued. The FEIS recommends numerous mitigations to the transportation system under MDOT's jurisdiction which will require coordination. FHWA would appreciate BIA's support to help initiate these MOU discussions and set a path to move forward. FHWA is also recommending a similar approach with the Muskegon and Mason County Road Commissions, as many roadways under their jurisdiction have also been recommended for improvement within the FEIS.

If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Hepfer at ruth.hepfer@dot.gov or (517)702-1847.

Sincerely,

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Russell L. Jorgenson, P.E. Division Administrator

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RE: FEIS Comments, Little River Band Trust Acquisition and Casino Project

Dear Ms. Poitra,

I am writing to voice my support for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Muskegon Casino project in Fruitport Township, Michigan.

For more than 10 years, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has worked hand-in-hand with community leaders, state and local governments, and the community at large to develop this casino project.

The casino will provide our region with a tremendous economic boost and employment opportunities. This includes nearly 1,500 permanent, good-paying jobs and supporting as many as 1,500 additional construction jobs in our local community. The casino will increase tourism and drive millions of dollars into our local economy.

As someone who lives in the Muskegon community, I agree with the conclusion of the FEIS that the proposed casino and related developments are the best uses for this land. I look forward to the advancement of this project that will enhance our local community and positively impact our entire region.

Sincerely,

Tony Moulatsiotis

Muskegon County Treasurer

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November 18, 2020

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RE: FEIS Comments, Little River Band Trust Acquisition and Casino Project

Dear Ms. Poitra,

This letter is written in support of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indian (LRBOI) Tribe and their proposal to develop a casino in Muskegon County. The development of this project will have a direct economic benefit to residents of Muskegon County, and nearby counties as well.

The Little River Band's proposed casino will be an entertainment venue designed to help grow tourism in the region, and it will also be a major employer in the county. Construction of the casino will create more jobs for local skilled trades workers, and it will also generate hundreds of full-time jobs for residents after the casino opens to the public.

I have worked closely with the LRBOI leadership as well as local elected officials during my time as a state senator, and I am continually impressed by each stakeholder's commitment to this proposal throughout the approval process. There is a wide range of local support for this project, including resolutions passed by the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners in 2008, 2014 and again in 2018 that indicate approval of this project to be in the best interest of the county and its citizens.

I support the LRBOI proposal to create a casino in Muskegon County because of the positive economic impact it will have on residents, and tourism throughout West Michigan.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office by phone at (866) 305-2134 or by email at SenJBumstead@senate.michigan.gov.

Best regards,

Jon Bumstead State Senator

Michigan Senate District 34



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November 30, 2020

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:
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Felix Kitto
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Midwest Regional Office
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RE: EPA Comments: Final Environmental Impact Statement – Little River Band of Ottawa

Indians Fee-to-Trust Transfer and Casino Project; Fruitport Township, Muskegon

County, Michigan (CEQ #20200209)

Dear Mr. Kitto:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) prepared by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and its consultant team for the proposed Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) Fee-to-Trust Transfer and Casino project in Michigan. This letter provides EPA's comments on the FEIS, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA Implementing Regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

The Tribe has submitted an application to the BIA to transfer approximately 60 acres of Tribal-owned land in Fruitport Township, Muskegon County, Michigan (Proposed Fee-to-Trust Property) into federal trust status for the Tribe. Should the acreage be taken into trust by the federal government, the Tribe has proposed the subsequent development of the trust parcel with a variety of uses including a casino, hotel, parking, and supporting facilities.

Pursuant to 25 CFR Part 151, the BIA, as an agency under the authority of the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary), is charged with reviewing and acting on tribal applications to take land into federal trust status. Because the Tribe is seeking to acquire off-reservation land in trust for gaming purposes, compliance with Section 20 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 USC § 2719) (IGRA) is required. The transfer into trust of the Proposed Fee-to-Trust Property (the 60 acres of Tribal-owned land in Muskegon County) will require the Secretary to make a two-part determination regarding whether gaming on the newly acquired lands would be: 1) in the best interest of the Tribe; and 2) not detrimental to the surrounding community.

The federal Proposed Action triggering NEPA is the acquisition of the 60-acre Muskegon County acreage in trust for the Tribe pursuant to the Secretary's authority under the Indian Reorganization Act, (25 USC 5108) and the issuance of a two-part determination under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) (25 USC § 2719(b)(1)(A)).

The Preferred Alternative selected in the FEIS is Alternative A. Alternative A includes: 1) the transfer of an off-reservation, 60-acre site owned by the Tribe in Muskegon County, from fee to trust status; 2) issuance of a two-part determination by the Secretary of the Interior under Section 20 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act that gaming on the 60-acre Muskegon site would be in the best interest of the Tribe and not detrimental to the surrounding community¹; and 3) development of the trust parcel with a variety of uses, including a casino, hotel, convention center, parking, and other supporting facilities.

EPA provided written comments to BIA on both the Draft EIS in December 2018 and on the Administrative Draft Final EIS (AFEIS) in September 2019. Those recommendations and comments focused on project alternatives and descriptions, the fee-to-trust transfer itself, aquatic resources, economic effects, and green infrastructure. Previous EPA comments regarding aquatic resources and green infrastructure have been adequately addressed in the FEIS. EPA concurs with BIA's statement² that the all design features, best management practices, required interagency coordination, and mitigation measures to be undertaken as per Section 5.0 of the FEIS (Mitigation Measures) be included in and committed to in the ROD.

EPA previously recommended that BIA's FEIS include an explanation on how the Fee-to-Trust transfer associated with the Muskegon County site would be made, considering the requirements cited above that BIA must evaluate when considering a Fee-To-Trust application. BIA's response to comments in the FEIS (General Response 3.1.2) states: "Tribal-state compacts are governed by Section 2710(d) of IGRA and considered under the Department's compact regulations at 25 CFR Part 293. Neither IGRA nor the Department's compact regulations require preparation of an EIS or consider information obtained through the NEPA process when evaluating compact terms. Accordingly, consideration of the Compact's terms are outside the scope of this EIS. Although requests from commenters for additional details regarding the Compact are acknowledged, the inclusion of such additional information in the EIS is outside of the scope of the EIS."

EPA recognizes that application of 25 CFR Part 293 is a decision-making process that will be carried out subsequent to the NEPA process. To the extent this information is available, the forthcoming Record of Decision (ROD) should clearly explain how BIA will make its determination following the NEPA process to take the Muskegon County property into federal trust.

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¹ Under (25 USC §2719 [b][1][A])

Please provide EPA with a copy of the signed ROD. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact the lead NEPA Reviewer, Liz Pelloso, PWS, at 312-886-7425 or via email at pelloso.elizabeth@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



Kenneth A. Westlake Deputy Director, Tribal and Multimedia Programs Office Office of the Regional Administrator

cc (via email):

Scott Hicks, US Fish and Wildlife Service-East Lansing (<u>Scott_Hicks@fws.gov</u>) Jennifer Manville, USEPA (manville.jennifer@epa.gov)

Nancy Cuncannan, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (CuncannanN@michigan.gov)

Larry Romanelli, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (larryromanelli@lrboi-nsn.gov)





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February 21, 2019

Re: Proposed Off-Site Casino near Muskegon

Dear Senator Peters:

I write to address an issue of great concern to the residents of Allegan County. As you know, we are the host county to the Gun Lake Casino, which is owned and operated by the Gun Lake Tribe. The Casino has produced many benefits for our communities that include jobs, increased spending at local businesses, and revenue sharing dollars that fund a variety of important services. These funds are also used to improve public safety in our county. These benefits are now at risk due to a northern Michigan tribe seeking a second, off-reservation casino near Muskegon.

The Gun Lake Casino and Gun Lake Tribe employ over 1,000 people who receive excellent wage and benefit packages that include healthcare and retirement plans. These jobs range from line cooks and valet attendants to police officers, doctors, and nurses.

When the Tribe negotiated the gaming compact with the State, it ensured area municipalities, schools, and law enforcement would receive local revenue sharing dollars. In the eight years since the Gun Lake Casino opened our community has received over \$27 million that has funded critical education, public safety, and municipal services.

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The Sheriff's Office could use your assistance as an advocate for our community to prevent the approval of this proposed off-reservation casino near Muskegon. Your help in this matter would be truly appreciated in our community. Thank you for your years of great service to all of us in Michigan.

Sincerely,

Frank Baker

Sheriff

Frank Baker, Sheriff Allegan County



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February 21, 2019

Re: Proposed Off-Site Casino near Muskegon

Dear Congressman Upton:

I write to address an issue of great concern to the residents of Allegan County. As you know, we are the host county to the Gun Lake Casino, which is owned and operated by the Gun Lake Tribe. The Casino has produced many benefits for our communities that include jobs, increased spending at local businesses, and revenue sharing dollars that fund a variety of important services. These funds are also used to improve public safety in our county. These benefits are now at risk due to a northern Michigan tribe seeking a second, off-reservation casino near Muskegon.

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The Sheriff's Office could use your assistance, as our Representative to the U.S. Congress, to prevent the approval of this proposed off-reservation casino near Muskegon. We thank you for your many years of great service to our community and would truly appreciate your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Frank Baker, Sheriff Allegan County



CITY OF WAYLAND "Committed to Excellence" PM 3: 46

March 6, 2019

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Regional Director Midwest Region Norman Pointe II, Building 5600 West American Boulevard, Suite 500 Bloomington, MN 55347

Re: DEIS Comments, Little River Band Trust Acquisition and Casino Project

To Whom it May Concern:

We are writing to express opposition to the Little River Band's trust application for a proposed off-reservation casino near Muskegon, Michigan. This project poses great economic risk to the community of Wayland and the entire Allegan County region.

The Gun Lake Casino is a tribal casino owned by the Gun Lake Tribe. The Casino, located in Wayland Township, opened in February 2011 and now supports over 1,000 direct casino jobs while also helping to support over 100 direct jobs at the Tribe's government operations.

The Casino employees, many of whom are new arrivals over the last eight years, have homes. families with school children, and live and work here in our community. We have seen an increase in local spending and economic development since the Gun Lake Casino opened.

The Tribe's gaming compact with the State directs local revenue sharing funds to local governments, schools and law enforcement. In the eight years since the Gun Lake Casino has operated our community has received over \$27 million that has funded critical education, public safety and municipal services. In addition to this Dorr Township, Leighton Township, Martin Township, Yankee Springs Township, Wayland Township, the City of Wayland, Allegan County, and the Allegan County Area Educational Services Agency receive revenue sharing funds each year. These funds have been reinvested back into the community to promote public safety enhancements, park and recreational facilities, and educational opportunities which have advanced the overall quality of life for many of the residents living within close proximity to the Gun Lake Casino.

Overall, the Tribe and its subsidiaries contributed \$1.5 billion to Michigan's economy over the last seven years. Each year, the aggregate economic activity was found to support over 2,600 jobs while pumping \$228 million into the state's economy.

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The City has reviewed financial data which shows the Little River's proposed casino in Muskegon would reduce gaming revenue at the Gun Lake Casino by at least 30 percent on an annual basis. Local revenue sharing would also be reduced by an equal amount.

I urge you to reject the Little River Band's trust application to conduct tribal gaming offreservation in Muskegon. This proposed casino would have a negative impact on the Wayland community through the loss of jobs, local spending and revenue sharing provided by the Gun Lake Casino.

Sincerely,

Joshua M. Eggleston

City Manager City of Wayland Timothy Balá

Mayor

City of Wayland





November 4, 2020

Ms. Tammie Poitra Midwest Regional Director Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Region Norman Pointe II Building 5600 West American Boulevard, Suite 500 Bloomington, Minnesota 55347

Dear Midwest Regional Director Poitra,

As the president of Baker College Muskegon, I'm writing to support the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' effort to develop a casino in Muskegon County, which would help boost our local economy and create new job opportunities for our graduates.

The Band's casino project would help both the Muskegon community and the tribe. Baker College welcomes this project, which is projected to generate jobs and economic development for the local community. When the Little River Band casino moves forward, Baker College will be prepared to increase our workforce development programs for our students.

Moreover, as someone who lives in the Muskegon community, I agree with the conclusion of the FEIS that the proposed casino and related developments are the best choice for this land.

We need to continue the revitalization of greater Muskegon County community so our graduates remain in this region. The \$100 million gaming project is expected to create approximately 755 direct jobs and 418 indirect construction jobs, which would benefit our students and alumni.

Thank You,

Aaron Maike, Ph.D. President Baker College - Muskegon



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Fruitport Community Schools Superintendent's Office

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November 3, 2020

Ms. Tammie Poitra, Midwest Regional Director Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Region Norman Pointe II Building 5600 West American Boulevard, Suite 500 Bloomington, MN 55347

"FEIS Comments, Little River Band Trust Acquisition and Casino Project"

Dear Ms. Poitra,

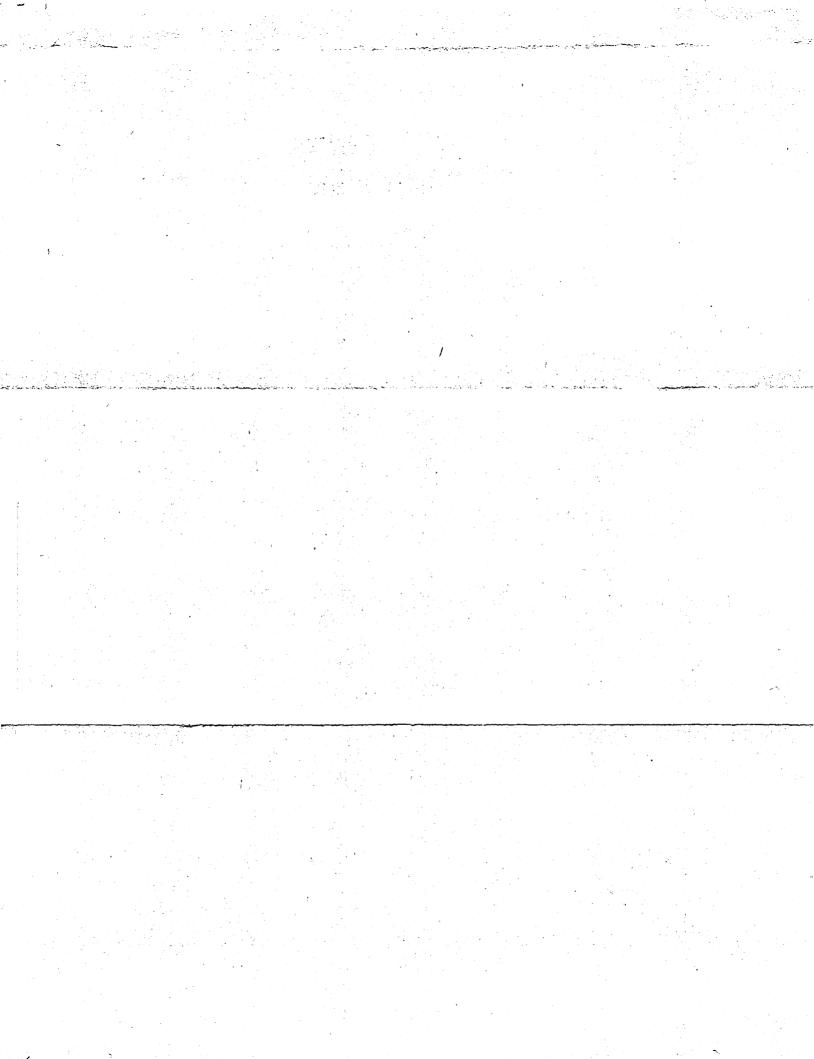
As a local school superintendent, I see firsthand the impact that a challenging job market has on our students. Instances of neglect, abuse, and other manifestations of poverty along with the angst that joblessness has on parents create a lasting negative impact on our students. It was therefore a thrilling moment when we heard that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians had jumped yet another hurdle in their pursuit of building a casino in our school district. The jobs this initiative could bring will be a godsend for our community and overall region.

Because of my position and connections to the Fruitport community, I can say with confidence that about the only opposition to the building of this casino you will see comes from other tribes with casinos. The people locally embrace the idea of the casino and all the commercial development it will bring. Personally, I am also thrilled to have a greater Native American presence in our area to support a greater sense of diversity. The cultural implications of this casino in our area will truly be a benefit to both students and adults throughout our region.

I know the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Ogema Larry Romanelli quite well, and I stand by his integrity, passion, and sense of what is right for his people and for the greater community. May this project continue on a positive trajectory and quickly come to fruition so that west Michigan can begin to reap the benefits of Larry and his colleagues' work to see this casino through to completion.

Sincerely,

Bob Szymoniak, Superintendent of Schools



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of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada

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Business Manager Financial Secretary-Treasurer

November 5, 2020

Ms. Tammie Poitra
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Respectfully,

Business Manager/Financial Secretary

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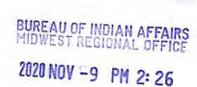
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November 5, 2020

Ms. Tammie Poitra Midwest Regional Director Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Region Norman Pointe II Building 5600 West American Boulevard, Suite 500 Bloomington, Minnesota 55347

Dear Ms. Poitra:

I am the executive director of the Muskegon Museum of Art. I'm writing to you to support the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) and their plan to develop a casino in Muskegon County.

As someone who lives in the Muskegon community, I agree with the conclusion of the FEIS that the proposed casino and related developments are the best choice for this land.

The LRBOI are active in the Muskegon community. In 2017, as part of our expansive, *Edward Curtis: The North American Indian* exhibition, the Muskegon Museum of Art presented a lecture by LRBOI Tribal Ogema Larry Romanelli. Ogema Romanelli discussed the history and current life of the LRBOI. He is a lifelong Muskegon resident and engaged in our community. I've been very impressed with the collaboration and commitment of the LRBOI leadership.

Ogema Romanelli was a crucial cultural advisor and partner for *The North American Indian* exhibition which was the largest ever held in the Muskegon Museum of Art's 105 year history. The exhibition drew over 30,000 visitors to Muskegon over the summer from all 50 states and 28 countries and the director of community development, Bob Lukens, estimated the economic impact of this exhibition was over \$5.5 million dollars for the county. We could not have done this without Ogema Romanelli and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' support. They continue to make a huge difference in this community on multiple levels.

Bringing casino to a former gaming site will generate jobs and economic development needed to help the Muskegon County region thrive. In addition, the casino would help boost Muskegon's tourism industry and help us compete with other regions.

As a longtime member of the community, I support the LRBOI's proposal to bring gaming to Muskegon County.

Thank You.

Kirk Hallman, Executive Director Muskegon Museum of Art

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Director of Indian Gaming Ms. Tammie Poitra,

This letter is in response to a "request" from the little River Band of Ottawa Indians of Manistee County Michigan, requesting the bureau of Indian affairs to give them the O K to build their <u>SECOND</u> Casino, in Muskegon County Michigan

There is nothing that connects the Manistee Indians to Muskegon County, in the Past or In the Present.

We are asking that you DO NOT CONSIDER Little River Band of Indians "request"

Little River Band of Indians was Denied Federal Acknowledgement, as well they should have been, by HOLLY RECORD AT THE OFFICE of Federal Acknowledgment in Washington, DC.

Holly told Little River "They are not a band of Indians"

Little River Band is NOT an Historical Band of Indians.

Little River Band came to gather in the 1970s.

After Being Denied Recognition by Holly Record, Little River came back to Michigan and went to the local Politicians. The House and the Senator and with in one year, Little River was Acknowledged by THOSE 2 POLITICIANS!!!! This may be Legal......but it's NOT RIGHT.

On the other Hand, Muskegon Ottawa Nation of Indians Have Been In Muskegon From The Year 1740 and we are still here!!!!

There <u>ARE</u> a lot of Indians in Muskegon County Today Because, During the 1940s!!!! Muskegon was a BOOM Town. People migrated to Muskegon, in search of Work. INDIANS CAME OFF THEIR RESERVATIONS and Migrated to Muskegon, Mi.

THAT IS THE REASON, <u>THAT IS THE ONLY REASON</u>, WHY THERE ARE A LOT OF INDIANS FROM DIFFERENT BANDS IN MUSKEGON TO DAY.

Muskegon has a DEEP WATER PORT, A way for A company to ship products!, Muskegon had A Train Terminal, A way for A company to ship products!, Muskegon has US 31 Highway, A way for A Company to ship Company products

Shops large and small came to Muskegon.

This was in the 1940s, be for the super High Ways that we have to day!!!!

Muskegon Ottawa Nation of Indians have documented proof, MUSKEGON Indians have inhabited the Muskegon County area on a continuous basis since the year <u>1740!!!!</u> This area has always been and still is Muskegon Ottawa Nation of Indians <u>HOMELAND</u>!!!!

Muskegon Ottawa Nation Indians were the first, of the Michigan Indians to give up their, nomadic way of life, settle in an area, and that area is at the Muskegon River in Muskegon, Michigan the year was 1740.

- ALL of Louis B. Badeaux descendants, "Muskegon First Resident" are enrolled in the Muskegon Ottawa Nation of Indians.

We, the people, of Muskegon Ottawa Nation of Indians were acknowledged in the treaty of 1836. We are working with the office of Federal acknowledgement in Washington, DC. To be Re-acknowledged, Holly Record 202 – 513 – 7663, and we ask that youPLEASE....don't allow the Manistee, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, to build their second casino in Muskegon County.

The Muskegon Ottawa Nation of Indians, have a goal, and are on a path to be Federally RE-Acknowledged in 3 years

You have all ready put land in trust for Little River to build a casino in Manistee. So, let's spread it around to other bands. Please give us a break!

The Words you have just read, came to you from the hearts of all 1200 members of Muskegon Ottawa Nation of Indians. When you make your decision....please rememberthat small piece of mother earth that is now called Muskegon County, is Historically claimed by Muskegon Ottawa Nation of Indians from 1740 to the present time.

Muskegon Indians will provide jobs in Muskegon County as well as any one. We are asking for your support, Please....Support The Home Tribe.... We pray that you make the right decision ,,,,,With that said ,,,,,We Thank You .

Enclosed find; Photo of the Muskegon Indian Cemetery, 1836 Treaty with Muskegon. Atlas of Great Lakes Indian History Showing Muskegon Indian Reservation, Monorchs of Region, Acknowledgment from City of Muskegon, and City of Whitehall, Michigan and, Mail from THE UNITED STATATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

The Entire Tribal Council and I are looking forward to working with you and to do what ever it takes to make this happen You May call me any time, 231-744 - 4011. Send me a letter, 1165 Horton rd. Muskegon, Mi.49445

Text.

Jerry Olman

Thank You,

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Jerry Olman



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Muskegon Heritage Museum

561 W. Western Ave. Muskegon, MI 49440 November 10, 2020

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RE: FEIS Comments, Little River Band Trust Acquisition and Casino Project

Dear Ms. Poitra,

The Lakeshore Museum Center has had a long history of working with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. As the history museum for Muskegon County, we tell the story of the first inhabitants to this region in our Coming to the Lakes exhibit. This exhibit features the Ottawa tribe and its rich culture. The museum has also partnered with members of the tribe for over 20 years in a program called Michigan Indian Culture Days/From Furs to Fire. This program educates around 1000 students every year on how the Ottawa Indians have changed and adapted throughout time. The museum has also sponsored Pow Wows for the community with the support of the tribe.

With all the collaboration, we agree with the conclusion of the FEIS that the proposed casino and related developments are the best uses for this land. We feel that a casino at I-96 at US-31 in Fruitport Township will allow us to grow our joint offerings and programs for the Muskegon community. The museum has always told the story of the Ottawa and is excited to add this new endeavor to the history archives. We also feel that a new casino will bring tourists to the area to visit the rich cultural sites found throughout Muskegon County including the museum and its historic sites.

Sincerely,

Rob Johnson **Board President** Lakeshore Museum Center 430 W. Clay Ave Muskegon, MI 49440 231-722-0278

Melissa L. Horton Vice President Lakeshore Museum Center 430 W. Clay Ave Muskegon, MI 49440 231-722-0278

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RE: FEIS Comments, Little River Band Trust Acquisition and Casino Project

Dear Ms. Poitra,

I am writing to voice my support for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Muskegon Casino project in Fruitport Township, Michigan.

For more than 10 years, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has worked hand-in-hand with community leaders, state and local governments, and the community at large to develop this casino project.

The casino will provide our region with a tremendous economic boost and employment opportunities. This includes nearly 1,500 permanent, good-paying jobs and supporting as many as 1,500 additional construction jobs in our local community. The casino will increase tourism and drive millions of dollars into our local economy.

As someone who lives in the Muskegon community, I agree with the conclusion of the FEIS that the proposed casino and related developments are the best uses for this land. I look forward to the advancement of this project that will enhance our local community and positively impact our entire region.

Sincerely,

Tom Suszka | General Manager

The Lakes Mall LLC 5600 Harvey Street

Muskegon, MI 49444

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Ms. Tammie Poitra Midwest Regional Director Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Region Norman Pointe II Building 5600 West American Boulevard, Suite 500 Bloomington, Minnesota 55347

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We are writing to voice the support of Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Muskegon Casino project in Fruitport Township, Michigan.

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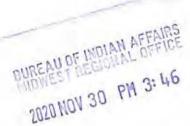
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We agree with the conclusion of the FEIS that the proposed casino and related developments are the best uses for this land. We look forward to the advancement of this exciting project.

Sincerely,

Cindy Larsen, President

Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce





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W.U.S. | 850 E. Superior | Wayland, MI 49348 81 Fax 269.503.8877 www.waylandunion.org

February 18, 2019

Re: Proposed Off-Reservation Casino near Muskegon

Dear Congressman Upton:

I write to address an issue of great concern to the families of the Wayland Union School District. As you know, Wayland Township is the host municipality to the Gun Lake Casino, which is owned and operated by the Gun Lake Tribe. The Casino has produced many benefits for our community that includes jobs, increased spending at local businesses, and revenue sharing dollars that fund a variety of important educational services for our students and families. These benefits are now at risk due to a northern Michigan tribe seeking a second, off-reservation casino near Muskegon.

The Gun Lake Casino and Gun Lake Tribe employ over 1,100 people who receive excellent wage and benefit packages that include healthcare and retirement plans. These jobs range from line cooks and valet attendants to police officers, doctors, and nurses. These jobs, combined with many indirect economic benefits and the increased number of family households within our school district, has had a tremendously positive affect on our educational services and opportunities for our students.

When the Tribe negotiated the gaming compact with the State, it ensured area municipalities, schools, and law enforcement would receive local revenue sharing dollars. In the eight years since the Gun Lake Casino has operated, our community has received over \$27 million that has funded critical education, public safety and municipal services, including over \$12 million directly to our school district to support students and families.

Now, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is seeking a second casino in Fruitport Township, which is 90 miles south of its existing casino in Manistee. The proposed off-reservation casino site is only 50 miles away from the Gun Lake Casino, located at an equal driving distance from the population base of Grand Rapids.

Wayland Union Schools is of the understanding that a Fruitport Township casino would reduce gaming revenue at the Gun Lake Casino by at least 30 percent on an annual basis. Local revenue sharing would also be reduced by an equal amount. Such a dramatic reduction in revenues would lead to significant job losses both directly at the Tribe and Casino, and within our community at many area businesses, thereby reducing family households within our school district.

I urge you to become an advocate for our community to do anything within your power as our representative in the U.S. Congress to prevent the approval of the Little River Band's proposed off-reservation casino near Muskegon. Your assistance on this matter has never been more needed. Thank you for your many years of great service to our community.

Sincerely,

Norman L. Taylor, Superintendent Wayland Union School District W.U.S. | 850 E. Superior | Wayland, MI 49348

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Patricia A. Velie
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February 21, 2019

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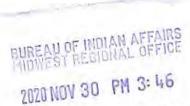
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Sincerely,

Norman L. Taylor, Superintendent Wayland Union School District March, 28 2019

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Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Regional Director Midwest Region Norman Pointe II, Building 5600 West American Boulevard, Suite 500 Bloomington, MN 55347

Re: DEIS Comments, Little River Band Trust Acquisition and Casino Project

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Local Revenue Sharing Board (Board) that receives and administers funds from the Gun Lake Casino, I write to express opposition to the Little River Band's trust application for a proposed off-reservation casino near Muskegon, Michigan. This proposed casino would have a devastating impact on several area municipalities, two school districts, and our entire local community.

Our Board distributes local revenue sharing from the Gun Lake Casino to (11) local entities on a semi-annual basis. This distribution occurs according to terms of the tribal-state gaming compact between the Gun Lake Tribe and the State of Michigan. In its compact, the Tribe agreed to share two percent (2%) of gross gaming revenue from electronic games of chance to local entities. The following entities receive funding under an Inter-Local Agreement:

Allegan County, Allegan Area Education Services Agency, Wayland Union Schools, Wayland Township, City of Wayland, the Townships of Dorr, Martin, Hopkins, Leighton and Yankee Springs. As well as Wayland Emergency Medical Services.

The local revenue sharing funds pay for important local government services such as infrastructure, road improvements, educational services and law enforcement. Our community has experienced a much better quality of life due to the distribution of these funds that pay for these critical local services.

Our local quality of life is being threatened by the proposal by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians to open a second casino in Fruitport Township, which is 90 miles south of its current casino in Manistee. The location of Little River's proposed Muskegon casino would be only 45 miles from us and would shift significant revenue away from the Gun Lake Casino.

In consultation with officials at the Gun Lake Tribe and Gun Lake Casino we believe the proposed Muskegon casino would shift thirty percent (30%) of gross gaming revenue from electronic games of chance to the new casino, should it be approved. This would cause a severe disruption in services provided by the entities in the Inter-Local Agreement.

In addition, the Gun Lake Casino and Gun Lake Tribe employ over 1,100 people who receive excellent wage and benefit packages that include healthcare and retirement plans. These jobs range from line cooks and valet attendants to police officers, doctors and nurses.

In the eight years since the Gun Lake Casino has operated our community has received over \$27 million in local revenue sharing funds that support critical education, public safety and municipal

services. Many of the Tribe and Casino employees have families with children who attend Wayland Union Schools, which has received over \$12 million of the local revenue sharing funds.

The Casino supports our local community through increased spending at area businesses by casino guests and employees. Many new households have been established in the Wayland area by those who have relocated to live closer to work at the Tribe or Casino. This has improved the value of homes in our area and helped to grow the local tax base which has improved local municipal services. This all adds up to improved quality of life in this area.

Overall, the Tribe and its subsidiaries contributed \$1.5 billion to Michigan's economy over the last seven years. Each year, the aggregate economic activity was found to support over 2,600 jobs while pumping \$228 million into the state's economy.

Please reject the Little River Band's trust application to conduct tribal gaming off-reservation near Muskegon. If this casino were approved it would jeopardize local careers, home values and municipal services. It is a major economic threat to local families and the community at large.

Sincerely, Jon Volhely

Roger VanVolkinburg

Chairman, Local Revenue Sharing Board

3161 10Th St

Wayland, Mi. 49348



Marcus Barrango < mbarrango@analyticalcorp.com>

Re: Notice of Availability - Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Trust Acquisition and **Casino Project FEIS**

1 message

Bob DeBoer <deboer b12@yahoo.com> To: admin@littlerivereis.com

Wed, Oct 21, 2020 at 9:43 PM

Thank you for notice !! Very good to see some action !!

On Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 05:14:14 PM EDT, <admin@littlerivereis.com> wrote:

Dear Interested Party,

The following e-mail and attachment are being sent to you on behalf of the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs regarding the Final EIS for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Trust Acquisition and Casino Project. For further information, please visit: https://www.littlerivereis.com/.

Inquiries should be directed to Mr. Scott Doig, Regional Environmental Scientist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Region at: (612) 725-4514 or scott.doig@bia.gov.

November 3, 2020

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Ms. Tammie Poitra, Midwest Regional Director Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Region Norman Pointe II Building 5600 West American Boulevard, Suite 500 Bloomington, MN 55347

RE: FEIS Comments, Little River Band Trust Acquisition and Casino Project

Dear Ms. Poitra,

I am writing to express my support for the Lakeshore Casino project proposed for construction in Muskegon County, Michigan by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

For more than 40 years, I have been a commercial real estate developer and owner in West Michigan and throughout the country. As such, I am convinced of the significant beneficial economic impact a project of this nature will have on our community.

The Lakeshore Casino project is slated to create 1,500 permanent jobs for our community, as well as an additional 1,500 construction jobs. In addition to the direct \$180 million investment by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, I believe this development will attract outside investment to create a growth corridor that will broaden job creation and other economic benefit to the region. Further, the project is expected to generate \$15 million in state tax revenue annually that will benefit schools, roads, and public services.

The subject property has been vacant and in disrepair for many years now. I believe revitalizing this land for the Lakeshore Casino is in the best interest of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Muskegon County, and the surrounding region.

Sincerely,

Denny Cherette, CCIM CEO, Cherette Group

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Frank Dame <damedad8@gmail.com>

Thu 11/12/2020 2:44 PM

To: Doig, Scott <Scott.Doig@bia.gov>

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Mr. Doig:

I am writing to express opposition to the Little River Babd's trust application for a proposed off-reservation casino near Muskegon, MI.

The proposed casino would negatively impact our state. I am sure you know all offithe statistics that show a dramatic decrease in the quality offilife in areas surrounding asinos.

I just want to tell you that we spent the last week with a 44 year old man in our basement because his wife kicked him out offithe house. He had gambled the family's money away and now they live on government assistance. He struggles daily to break this habit as his six children slowly drift away.

These are the kinds oftifamilies that will suffer the most from another casino.

The proposed casino would violate the Tribal state gaming contracts. And we have MOREtiTHAN ENOUGH CASINOS ALREADY.

Too many families have been ruined. Please stop the madness.

Sincerely,

Frank Dame 2419 Sundance Ridge Howell MI. 48843

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November 3, 2020

Ms. Tammie Poitra, Midwest Regional Director Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Region Norman Pointe II Building 5600 West American Boulevard, Suite 500 Bloomington, MN 55347

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Dear Ms. Poitra,

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I served as the President and CEO of Mercy Health Muskegon for more than twenty years and care deeply about the success of our community. I believe economic growth is an important aspect of a healthy community.

From what I have read, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has taken great care to propose a development and revenue sharing plans that will be a benefit to our community and the surrounding region through job creation, support of public services, and economic impact.

I am pleased to have the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians contributing to our community's growth in such a significant way.

Sincerely,

Roger Spoelman, DBA

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October 28, 2020 FEIS Comments, Little River Band Trust Acquisition and Casino Project

Ms. Tammie Poitra, Midwest Regional Director, BIA 5600 West American Blvd. Suite 500

Aaniin,

My name is Robert J. Pete and I am a Little River Band tribal member, Michigan resident and concerned citizen. I have a long ancestral line who have lived in the Musekgon area for decades. I attended and considered the comments at the community meeting on Dec. 12, 2018 at Fruitport Middle School so I am familiar with the project and the possible environmental impact of building a casino on that 60 acres of land.

Native Americans historically and culturally have been caretakers of Mother Earth. That would be Little River's first consideration. We love our Great Lakes, our water and wildlife and understand it is our place to preserve them. Growth in the Muskegon area will benefit the population, improve quality of life, economy, schools and public services. It will also increase the residents' pride in their property which will improve the visual environment. The tribe has had many years to study the effects and work on hiring the best qualified experts to assist in following the requirements of the EPA and preserve our cultural heritage.

I feel the project will enhance the area by providing good jobs with benefits, being a good neighbor and not be detrimental to the surrounding community. The tribe has plans in place for properly dealing with issues of public services, noise, hazardous materials, aesthetics and growth inducing effects. Potential neighbors of the project, stores and restaurants, are in full support and look forward to increased business as the result of having a casino nearby. They will benefit from improved economic activity.

In conclusion, please consider my comments and Milgwech for your time.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Pete

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As someone who lives in the Fruitport community owns a small business, and has been on either the Fruitport Township planning commission or the Fruitport Township board of trustees during this entire process, I agree with the conclusion of the FEIS that the proposed casino and related developments are the best uses for this land. I look forward to the advancement of this project. I wish them the best of luck and I believe this new endeavor will help the Tribe to meet their long-term goals and have a positive impact on our entire County.

Sincerely

Jeff Jacobs

Former Chairman of the Fruitport Township Planning Commission

Retiring Fruitport Township Trustee

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From: Rob Macomber < rob@macombergroup.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 9:35 AM

To: Doig, Scott <Scott.Doig@bia.gov>; Poitra, Tammie <Tammie.Poitra@bia.gov> Subject: [EXTERNAL] FEIS Comments, Little RiverBand Trust Acquisition and Casino Project

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To: Doig, Scott <Scott.Doig@bia.gov>; Hart, Paula <Paula.Hart@bia.gov>; Wiseman, Maria K <Maria.Wiseman@bia.gov>; Olby, Patricia L <PatriciaL.Olby@bia.gov>; Wilkins, Thomas A <Thomas.Wilkins@bia.gov>; Harris, Mervel <Mervel.Harris@bia.gov>

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Letter of support for Little River, please add to our tracking. Thank you

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From: Andra Dennett < andra.dennett@gmail.com> Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 11:09:25 AM To: Poitra, Tammie < Tammie. Poitra@bia.gov>

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Sincerely,

Andra Dennett Little River Band Tribal Member



Marcus Barrango < mbarrango@analyticalcorp.com>

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Bibiana Alvarez <balvarez@analyticalcorp.com> To: Marcus Barrango <mbarrango@analyticalcorp.com> Mon, Nov 23, 2020 at 3:02 PM

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Here is another letter of support Scott.

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From: Judy Dodge < jdodge4@msn.com> Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 11:18:33 AM To: Poitra, Tammie < Tammie. Poitra@bia.gov>

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Sincerely, Judy Ann Dodge Tribal # 1213

November 20, 2020

Tammy Poitra, Midwest Regional Director Midwest Region Regional Office Indian Affairs 5600 American Blvd W Ste 500 Bloomington, MN 55437

Dear Ms. Poitra,

I am writing this letter to ask you to support the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' casino project in Fruitport Township, Michigan.

I am a citizen of LRBOI and I grew up in Muskegon, over the years I have watched my hometown decline as it relates to job opportunities and tourism. The economy was already very hard hit as much of the industrial work had left the area. Over the last several years I have continued to see the Little River Band continue to invest in this community through property purchases, housing developments and charitable contributions.

I come from a humble background and grew up in the inner city with my parents, four siblings and a cousin in a small three bedroom home. My siblings and I were all so close in age that we would always joke that the first one up was the best dressed and the first to the table ate the best. While there was humor in that there was also some truth. Growing up in that environment caused me to dream at an early age of prosperity and financial security. In the area there industrial jobs that were sought after and in high demand and I always had a goal of securing one of those jobs. Admittedly it's strange to hear myself say I dreamt of a job in a foundry of mill but that was my reality at that time. Never would I have been able to imagine the future that lay ahead of me.

One day almost twenty years ago an opportunity presented itself to me and that's when I came to work for the Little River Casino Resort. I began at the resort as a security supervisor and advanced quickly due to my background in criminal justice and training and promoted to the security manager. Later I went on to serve as an elected official for the tribe for four years. After serving my people in capacity of council and as a member of the Board of Directors for the Resort I returned back to my former role as the security manager. Five years later promoted to the Director of Tribal/Organizational Development. The reason that I share this with you is because there are many other citizens and community members that would benefit from such opportunities. This experience has been one that has been life changing. Experiences that would have never been afforded to me had the first casino never been approved. Being responsible for the growth and development of our preference team members has given me perspective.

In addition the Little River Casino Resort provides career development and professional development opportunities that enhance the team member's knowledge, skills and abilities. The Resort has recently entered into a partnership with Muskegon Community College to provide the education portion of their professional development program. This program pairs experiential learning and education to further enhance the skills of the team member to prepare them for a leadership role at the resort. This

opportunity is open to all team members with two of the positions being reserved for tribal preference team members. There is also a program that focuses specifically on the development of Tribal Citizens and preference team members, the sevens program has been successful in developing preference team members and has resulted in tribal members an native others promoting to executive level positions as well as the Assistant General Manager and General Manager. All of our preference team members are enrolled into the sevens program after their introductory period and are tracked and monitored through their employment. This has a material impact on the retention of these team members.

The Little River Casino Resort is not only a partner in the community through employment or revenue sharing but through community service. Many of our team members serve on various boards and committees in the community and are partners in the annual big day of serving contributing resources, labor and finances to make a positive impact on the community.

If I may, I would like to leave you with a few final thoughts to consider. In the perilous times with a pandemic that is sweeping the country and the world and unemployment numbers increasing daily there is hope for one community to recover. There are thousands of direct and ancillary jobs that will be created from trades and construction to executive management jobs. Also there are many service and contracted jobs that will benefit other employers in Muskegon County. What is most impactful for me about this project is that right now there is a child living in a modest home and dreaming about what they will be when they grow up, there is a young adult that is struggling to find work and direction, there is a middle aged person that just lost their position that they have held for twenty years and there is an elder looking to supplement their social security to survive. While any of the people I described could be any citizen in Muskegon County many could also be one of our nearly 800 tribal citizens residing there. That is the beauty in the culture and values that we as a tribe hold dearly, that representation of those colors on the medicine wheel. When you come to work at Little River Band of Ottawa Indians or one of its enterprises you become part of our community.

I thank you in advance for you time and consideration, Israel Stone TM#1735

Robert J. Macomber 1725 Blair Street | Lansing, MI 48910

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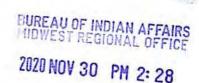
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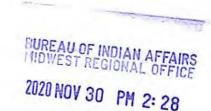
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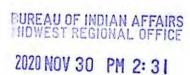
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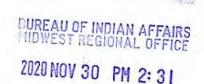
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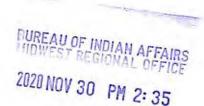
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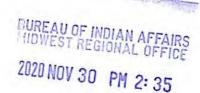
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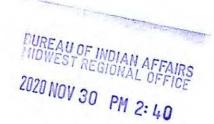
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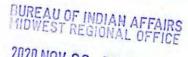
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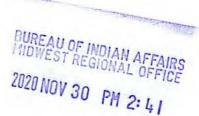
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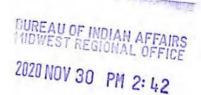
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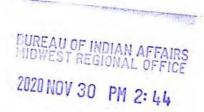
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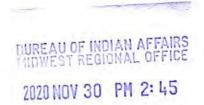
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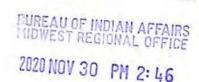
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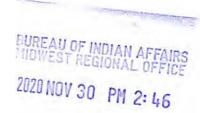
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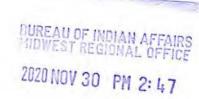
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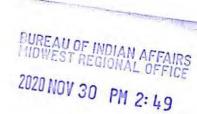
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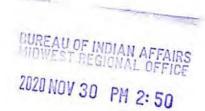
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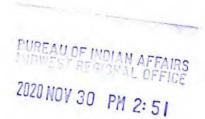
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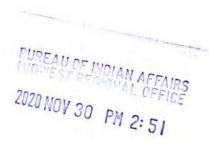
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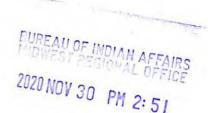
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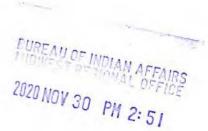
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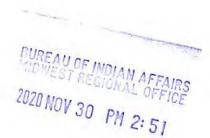
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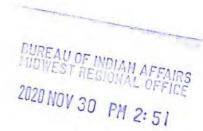
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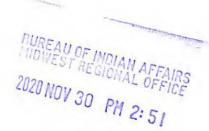
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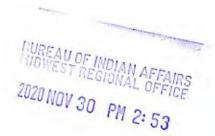
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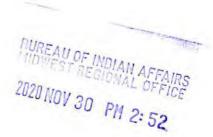
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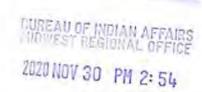
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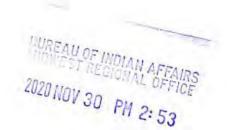
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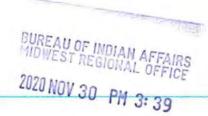
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Bill K Kenney Real Koop 106 E Muskegon Ave Whitehall, MI 49461

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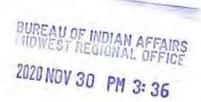
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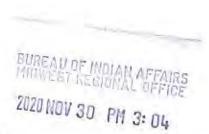
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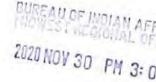
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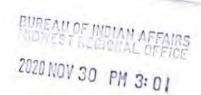
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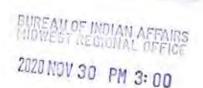
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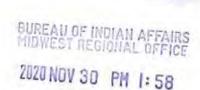
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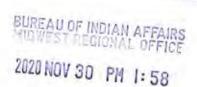
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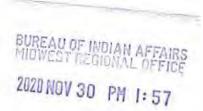
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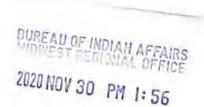
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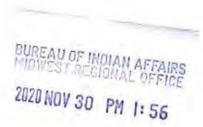
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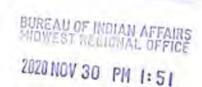
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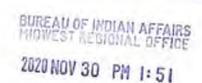
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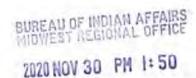
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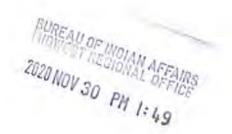
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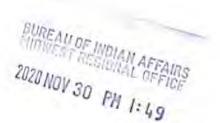
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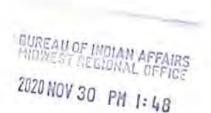
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