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The Honorable Joseph Wildcat Sr.

Tribal President, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

Of the Lac du Flambeau Indian Reservation of Wisconsin

418 Little Pines Road

Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin 54538

Dear President Wildcat:

On April 21, 2017, the Department of the Interior received the 2017 Amendment to the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians (Tribe) and State of Wisconsin Gaming Compact of 1991(Amendment) providing for the conduct of Class III Gaming by the Tribe.

The Amendment removes certain revenue sharing calculations and restrictions present in the Tribe's 2009 Amendments and replaces those with a fixed rate. After receiving additional clarification from the Tribe, we agree with their position that the Amendment simplifies but does not increase the revenue sharing calculation for net win between \$35 million and \$40 million.

We have taken no action on the Compact within the 45-day review period under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA). As a result, the Compact is considered to have been approved, but only to the extent it is consistent with the provisions of IGRA. The Compact will become effective upon publication of notice in the *Federal Register*. See 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(3)(B). This Amendment shall take effect when the notice is published in the Federal Register. See 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(3)(B).

A similar letter is being sent to the Honorable Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Black

Acting Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

Enclosure

2017 AMENDMENT TO THE LAC DU FLAMBEAU BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA INDIANS and STATE OF WISCONSIN GAMING COMPACT OF 1991

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin (State) and The Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians (Tribe) desire to provide greater specificity regarding certain provisions of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians and the State of Wisconsin Gaming Compact without materially altering the substance of the obligations, the parties agree to the following amendment.

Sections XXXI.A.3. of the Compact shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

3. If the Tribe's net win from Class III gaming conducted pursuant to this Compact for the previous fiscal year was less than \$35,000,000, the Tribe shall make a payment to the State equal to 1.75% of the Tribe's net win, excepting the first \$5,000,000. In the event that the Tribe's net win is equal to or exceeds \$35,000,000 but is less than or equal to \$40,000,000, the Tribe shall make a payment to the State equal to 2.26% of the Tribes net win.

Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

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President

DATE: 4/14/17

State of Wisconsin

Scott Walker

Governor

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