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GOVERNOR
STATE OF WISCONSIN

February 27, 2014

The Honorable Kevin Washburn
Assistant Secretary of Interior for Indian Affairs
U.S. Department of Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Assistant Secretary Washburn:

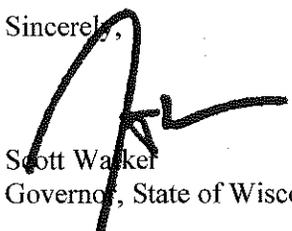
As you know, on August 23, 2013, the Department of Interior issued a favorable two-part determination with regard to the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin's application to conduct gaming on land in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and sought gubernatorial concurrence in that determination. We write to you today to ask you to grant a 180-day extension of the one-year consideration period provided for that concurrence.

Since August, state officials have spent considerable time and effort engaging in discussions with various tribal governments and Wisconsin communities, and in analyzing the record relied upon by the Department of Interior in its determination. Given the important public policy concerns for the State of Wisconsin, and competing studies and arguments advanced by interested parties, as Governor, I decided that it was necessary for the State to develop its own independent analysis of the economic and other impacts that could result from a Kenosha gaming development. In December of 2013, therefore, my office retained outside legal counsel, who is currently concluding the retention of independent economic consultants.

As you know, regulations governing the two-part determination process provide a Governor an initial one-year consideration period and allow, at your discretion, a 180-day extension of that time. In this instance, additional time beyond the one-year period is necessary to develop and analyze independent data, and facilitate discussions with the interested parties.

In the interest of arriving at a fully informed decision on the Kenosha casino project, we hereby respectfully request that you grant the 180-day extension contemplated by your Department's regulations. Thank you for your attention to this request, and if you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Wisconsin Secretary of Administration, Mike Huebsch, at (608) 266-1741, or Laurie Boivin, Chairwoman, Menominee Tribe at (715) 799-5114.

Sincerely,


Scott Walker
Governor, State of Wisconsin

Sincerely,


Laurie Boivin
Chairwoman, Menominee Indian Tribe
of Wisconsin

cc: Chairman Harold "Gus" Frank
President Jon Greendeer