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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY Washington, DC 20240

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The Honorable Tehassi tasi Hill Chairman, Oneida Nation PO Box 365 Oneida, WI 54155

Dear Chairman Hill:

On May 1, 2025, the Office of Indian Gaming received for review and approval the Fourth Amendment (Amendment) to the Oneida Nation (Nation) and the State of Wisconsin (State) Gaming Compact of 1991. The Amendment increases the Nation's allowable deduction from its annual revenue sharing payment to the State for monetary and in-kind contributions during each year to eligible county and local government entities for projects identified in the Amendment.

Under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) may approve or disapprove a compact within 45 days of its submission. 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(8(C). If the Secretary does not affirmatively approve or disapprove the compact within 45 days, IGRA provides that the compact is considered to have been approved by the Secretary by operation of law, "but only to the extent that the compact is consistent with the provisions of [IGRA]." *Id.* 

We undertook a thorough review of the Amendment. No action was taken on the Amendment within 45-days of its submission. As a result, the Amendment is "considered to have been approved by the Secretary, but only to the extent [it] is consistent with the provisions of [IGRA]." *Id.* The Amendment takes effect when the notice of approval is published in the Federal Register, as required by 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(8)(D).

A similar letter is being sent to the Honorable Tony Evers, Governor, State of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure