



STATE OF NEW YORK

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February 18, 2007

The Honorable Dirk Kempthome Secretary U.S. Department of the Interior 1849 C Street; N.W. Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Kempthorne:

By letter of April 6, 2000, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Kevin Gover requested concurrence with a Secretarial two-part determination that a proposed landinto-trust acquisition for gaming purposes of a 29.31 acre parcel of land located in Monticello, Sullivan County is in the best interests of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and would have no significant impacts on the surrounding communities. The State of New York hereby concurs with the Secretarial findings.

I urge that you expeditiously take the land into trust and approve the compact submitted with this letter so that the Tribe can begin construction of the proposed casino.

Sincerely,

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