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Delivered Via Email

Representative Zack Stephenson, Chair
House Commerce Finance & Policy Comm.
509 State Office Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Re: HF 2000 Minnesota Sports Betting Legislation

Dear Representative Stephenson,

Thank you for your leadership on drafting sports betting legislation that works for Minnesota.

We are very happy to report that the state's professional sports teams, including the Loons, Timberwolves/Lynx, Twins, Wild, and Vikings are aligned with the Minnesota Indian Gaming Association in support of your sports betting bill, HF 2000. Additionally, we appreciate you and the stakeholders continuing to work to find common ground since this legislation was initially discussed last session.

As you know, the Tribes and Teams worked together for many months to find alignment on a bill that will create a vibrant market while providing for consumer protections. We greatly value our tribal partnerships, our opportunity to work with MIGA, and greatly respect Minnesota's tribal nations.

Minnesota tribes have a long and proud history of self-determinative sovereignty. Improving the lives of their Tribal Members has stood at the forefront of that history. For over 30 years, the Tribes have been successful gaming industry leaders who have utilized gaming revenues to improve their communities, and we believe their success will only be strengthened by the authorization of a Minnesota statewide sports betting market.

The Teams have a strong desire to work with the Tribes as fellow stakeholders to help establish a vibrant market that features as many betting brands as possible. As such, the Teams support tribal sports betting exclusivity, and empowering all Tribes to offer statewide mobile sports betting.

Lastly, the Teams are concerned about sports betting proposals that have been offered that contemplate awarding licenses to other non-Tribal entities that are not Teams. The Teams are opposed to expanding any form of sports betting licensure to other entities while not expanding those same licenses to Teams.

We look forward to continuing to work with you, our tribal partners, and the other key stakeholders in the Legislature to create a vibrant sports betting market in Minnesota that includes strong consumer protections.

Sincerely,

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