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Honorable Mary Fallin
Oklahoma State Capitol
2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., Room 212
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

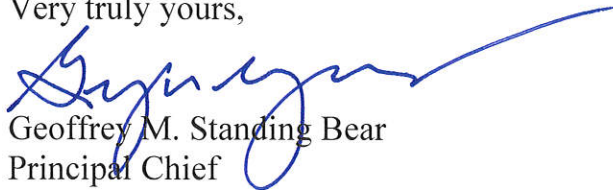
Dear Governor Fallin:

The Osage Nation appreciates your efforts to enhance the consultation and dialogue processes of the State of Oklahoma with the Native American nations. I believe that we now have an opportunity to partner to even greater cooperation. As you know, the current gaming compacts expire at the end of 2019. This compact has historically been a great benefit to both the State and Tribal governments. However, the current compact is dated and is not suitable for the current and future business environment of gaming in Oklahoma. I believe it is time to initiate negotiations to jointly endeavor to create a new compact document that will move our respective governments forward for the next decade and beyond.

Therefore, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. §2710(d)(3)(A) the Osage Nation would request the immediate initiation of serious negotiations regarding a new gaming compact with a view to better position our respective governments for the current and future business environments. It is the hope of the Osage Nation that such negotiations can be quickly concluded for the benefit of our citizens.

Thank you for your leadership in the area.

Very truly yours,


Geoffrey M. Standing Bear
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