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Director
Secretary of Finance, Administration
and Information Technology

September 30, 2015

Mr. Bobby Walkup, Chairman
Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma
335588 East 750 Road
Perkins, Oklahoma 74059-3268

Re: Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma's Intent to Engage in Internet Gaming

Dear Chairman Walkup,

I have received your September 23, 2015, letter regarding the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma's intent to engage in internet gaming and appreciate the opportunity to address this issue proactively. Previously, the State of Oklahoma, through Governor Mary Fallin, entered into a settlement agreement with the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes, which recognized their right to conduct internet gaming on a limited scale. It appears the assertions laid out in your letter and your position on the issue of internet gaming are consistent with that settlement agreement.

Since the time the settlement agreement was entered there has been concern that it either expanded or restricted the rights of a tribe operating under the Model Tribal Gaming Compact (Compact), instead of simply recognizing rights already contained within the Compact itself. As stated in your letter, the Compact provides that either party may seek an interpretation of the Compact from an arbitrator. It is, therefore, our intent to refer this matter to arbitration for a determination on whether or not the internet gaming you described is permissible under the terms of the Compact.

I have contacted your attorney, David McCullough, and informed him of our decision to seek an interpretation of the Compact from an arbitrator. Going forward I will direct all future correspondence to him throughout the duration of this arbitration.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Cartmell
Deputy Director and Counsel
Gaming Compliance Unit