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The Honorable Rodney Butler
Chairman, Mashantucket Pequot Indian Tribe
P.O. Box 3060
Mashantucket, Connecticut 06338

Dear Chairman Butler:

On August 2, 2017, the Department of the Interior received the Agreement between the Mashantucket Pequot Indian Tribe (Tribe) and the State of Connecticut (State) dated July 20, 2017, related to the conduct of Class III Gaming by the Tribe. The Agreement memorializes amendments to the Mashantucket Pequot Gaming Procedures. Specifically, the Agreement amends sections 2, 15(a), and 17(d) (the Amendment) of the Gaming Procedures.

We have completed our review of the Amendment. We return the Amendment to you to maintain the status quo as action on the Amendment is premature and likely unnecessary. The Amendment addresses the exclusivity provisions of the Gaming Procedures. We find that there is insufficient information upon which to make a decision as to whether a new casino operated by the Mohegan and Mashantucket Pequot Tribes (Tribes) would or would not violate the exclusivity clauses of the Gaming Procedures. The Tribes have entered an agreement with the State whereby they have agreed that the exclusivity provisions will not be breached by this arrangement. Therefore, our action is unnecessary at this time.

A similar letter is being sent to the Honorable Kevin P. Brown, Chairman, Mohegan Tribe and the Honorable Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Black
Acting Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Dean Heller
The Honorable Mark Amodei