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Tracie L. Stevens
Chairwoman
National Indian Gaming Commission
1441 L Street, NW, Suite 9100
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Chairwoman Stevens:

I am writing on behalf of the White Earth Reservation Tribal Council to express our support for the National Indian Gaming Commission's proposed reinterpretation of its earlier decision involving "one touch" bingo games. Our Tribal Council believes that the 2008 decision, which effectively denied Class II status for one touch bingo, contravened established case law favorable to tribal government interests and threatened to jeopardize the economic ability of Class II tribal gaming. We are delighted that your agency is taking another look at the 2008 decision.

The White Earth Nation has developed a sizeable network of Class II gaming, which provides much needed revenue for our tribal government operations. The reclassification of one touch bingo as a Class II game would translate into additional revenues for our operations. More importantly, the reclassification of one touch bingo would be perfectly consistent with the definition of bingo in the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and is fully consistent with the body of case law that has developed on this issue.

The White Earth Reservation Tribal Council commends you and your agency for taking this important step toward a more reasoned and principled approach to the classification of games. Such approach will bring much needed clarity and certainty to the Class II gaming industry, and will encourage tribal governments to take full advantage of advancing technologies in Class II gaming.

Sincerely,

Erma J. Vizenor
Chairwoman