



Thank you to Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry's leadership and the Arizona Indian Gaming Association's Judy Ferreira for the opportunity to introduce the NIGC's regulatory mission to distinguished business leaders from Arizona today, September 20, 2022. As the Arizona Chamber holds meetings in Washington, D.C. this week, I wish President Seiden and his organization's leadership well in their important work.

My comments provided an opportunity to share how Indian gaming is unique and how its footprint is significant at the national and regional levels. Indian gaming is multi-jurisdictional approach to regulation, the statutorily limited uses for Indian gaming revenue, and the governmental nature of Indian gaming operations make Indian gaming a unique part of the gaming industry. Indian gaming is a \$39 billion annual industry on Indian land licensed by 248 tribes in 29 states. Last year, the 15 tribes with 27 operations in Arizona generated a gross gaming revenue of nearly \$2.5 billion.

As Indian gaming is federal regulatory body, it is important for the NIGC to share with leaders in the business community how the Agency mission supports strong economic development. A well-defined and predictable regulatory framework helps promote industry innovation and growth. Arizona has benefited from Indian gaming's long history of growth and innovation with Indian gaming marking a 20-year anniversary in the State this Fall.

Attached is a one-page fact to explain some of the Indian gaming highlights I shared during my presentation.

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Visit www.NIGC.gov to learn more about the NIGC 3 For 35 Project— a year-long project emphasizing the importance of conversations among the tribal gaming regulatory community about workforce preparedness.

