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RE: Remarks to the NIGC Banking Secrecy Act/Anti-Money Laundering (Title 31) Symposium

Today I had the opportunity to open the inaugural two-day NIGC Symposium focused on the Bank Secrecy Act and Anti Money Laundering provisions applicable to Indian gaming. The virtual event featured federal experts from the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

The NIGC has never hosted a symposium on this topic. However, registration for the six individual sessions taking place today and tomorrow averaged 500 attendees—underscoring the demand from this often-requested training topic. I am grateful to the federal participants because the topic is relevant to Indian gaming regulators and operators for at least three reasons:

- The IGRA framework regulates gaming operation, but other federal laws apply to the Indian gaming community. Those laws and regulations that serve to protect our national currency system can provide valuable insights for gaming regulators into emerging industry areas such as new technology and currency tools.
- Money laundering provisions rely on the risk assessment tools Indian gaming regulators have honed and developed for over three decades - like game play integrity and revenue audits.
- Indian gaming's regulators do not operate in a vacuum. We share our goals for institutions' integrity and the public's confidence. Other regulatory and law enforcement bodies such as FinCEN, FBI, and IRS are partners in our shared objectives.

I am grateful to the NIGC Chief of Staff Office and Training team, as well as subject matter experts and leaders from FinCEN, FBI, and IRS who presented. I look forward to a robust two days of dialogue and information sharing.

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