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Re: Remarks to the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)
Mid-Year Meeting

I had the opportunity to address the Gaming and Taxation subcommittees at the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Mid-Year Meeting at the Mystic Lake Casino. I want to thank the Indian Gaming Association (IGA) for its invitation to participate in the subcommittee's agenda.

My address focused on NIGC's attention to technology both as a threat to tribe's gaming operations and an opportunity to promote more efficient and focused regulatory oversight tools. Whether a threat or an opportunity, technology provides tribal law makers a reason to articulate more focused and updated oversight objectives, to design more multi-year budget planning strategies, and to demonstrate the Indian gaming community's dedication to innovation and support for sustainable industry growth. I also previewed upcoming NIGC outreach at the region, and national levels. That outreach shapes NIGC planning processes and cultivates stronger collaboration between tribes and the NIGC.

During my remarks today I also congratulated IGA Chairman Ernie Stevens for leading this policy focused NCAI Gaming Subcommittee for over two decades. Early in my career I had the privilege of working at NCAI for the Gaming Subcommittee. This privilege allowed me to experience first-hand tribal officials' dedication and advocacy for Indian gaming's success.

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