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RE: NIGC National Training Conference, Miccosukee

Today I was pleased to participate in the NIGC National Training Conference (NTC) near Miami, FL on the Miccosukee Nation's territory. I was grateful for the opportunity to visit with tribal leadership from the Miccosukee tribe including its elected leaders and the Tribe's gaming regulatory body executives; as well as the chance to network with a diverse cross section of tribal regulators from throughout the country.

In my opening comments I shared the Agency's latest efforts to update background and licensing regulations. These efforts are responsive to consultation with tribes and address long-standing opportunities to modernize regulations by addressing compliance and sustainability concerns with the network of background and licensing programs of which NIGC is part.

In recent years, NIGC's training program has grown in its accessibility, as well as the diversity and depth of its content. This week's three-day gathering will feature options for both virtual and in-person attendance. Its engagement with participants is producing lively discussions around a number of timely topics. I am hopeful the NIGC team and the attendees will return home with expanded knowledge, a broader network of peers, and a renewed passion for the importance of Indian gaming's regulatory community.

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