

## Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida

## Tribal Gaming Agency

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Ms. Tracie Stevens, Chairwoman National Indian Gaming Commission 1441 L St. N.W., Suite 9100 Washington, DC 20005

Re: Comments on the Revision of Existing Gaming Regulations

Dear Chairwoman Stevens,

Thank you very much for your efforts to consult with Tribes and discuss our thoughts and priorities for revising existing gaming regulations and promulgating new regulations. As you are aware, it is very important that both tribes and the National Indian Gaming Commission have good working relationships.

The Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida believes that the National Indian Gaming Commission should strive to ensure that its rules are fair, realistic, reasonable, and consistent with the goals and purposes of IGRA.

Please find below our suggestions with respect to NIGC's comprehensive review of gaming regulations.

We believe that updating Part 543 is a priority. A review of the regulation demonstrates that it is incomplete, confusing, and poses serious compliance issues.

The NIGC should reconsider scrapping Part 543, and redrafting the Class II MICS in a manner more consistent with Part 542, where paper bingo is separate from the video bingo machines.

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The NIGC should consider whether this regulation in Part 559 regarding facility license notifications, renewals, and submissions, is necessary given that tribal governments have their own process and procedures that are more than sufficient to meet the concerns underlying facility licensing on their reservation.

Tribes already have to adhere to EPA regulations and building codes in their facilities. So not only do we have to conform to those standards, but now we have to submit these to the NIGC, for facility licensing?

In conclusion the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida and the Miccosukee Tribal Gaming Agency would like to thank you for this opportunity to provide input into the regulatory review process.

Thank you again for the opportunity, and if you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Dennis J. Davis, Director

Miccosukee Tribal Gaming Agency