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National Indian Gaming Commission
1440 L. Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004
Attn: Chairwoman Traci Stevens

Dear Chairwoman Stevens,

Please accept this letter as recognition of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and their support for the proposed revisions to Parts 543 and 547 of the NIGC’s regulations that have been submitted for your consideration.

As a tribe who is involved in gaming, we appreciate the NIGC and their willingness to accept input from the Tribal Gaming Working Group (TGWG) on Class II gaming. The TGWG was assembled for the sole purpose of offering their knowledge and expertise to assist the NIGC in the development of regulations without contradicting the intention of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. The revisions to Part 543 and 547 proposed by the TGWG provide a firm base for the consultation by the NIGC through government and tribal governments concerning Class II gaming.

We encourage the Commission to approve the revision proposed by the TGWG and begin consultation with tribal governments on the proposed revisions so that all tribes that are involved in gaming can adopt the revised Class II regulations in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Brett Barnes