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Ald. Michael S. D'Amato, Chair Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development Committee City of Milwaukee 200 E. Wells Street, Room 201 Milwaukee WI 53202

Dear Mr. D'Amato:

My name is Joseph Williams, and I am writing to you in the hope of adding my support to the Forest County Potawatomi Community. They are seeking an expansion of the Bingo Casino in the Menomonee Valley. I and our group, "The VITA Program Of St. Francis is putting our support behind them and hope you will do the same.

The Foundation has helped the community for well over ten years. They have supported activities for the elderly, low income families, supported other charitable groups through out the Milwaukee area. Our group is one of the many who benefited from the generosity of the Potawatomi Foundation. That support was then passed on to the elderly and low income families by way of service to them.

The Potawatomi Community is an outstanding citizen in the Menomonee Valley as well as through out the Milwaukee area, and continually share their good fortunes with the citizens of the Milwaukee area.

There support is greatly shown through sponsorship of Milwaukee Signature events and organizations such as Summerfest, Wisconsin State Fair, The Milwaukee Brewers, Milwaukee Bucks, Miller Park, and The Milwaukee Mile. They are a strategic marketing partner with VISIT Milwaukee.

The expansion project proposed by the Potawatomi Community will affect not only the Menomonee Valley, but also Milwaukee in construction jobs, casino jobs, it will increase much needed revenue into Milwaukee.

Just as Milwaukee citizens go out of our area to use casino's, others come here to do the same. Tourists, vacationers, etc. bring revenue into the casino which in turn benefits the city.

I hope Milwaukee does not make the mistakes of denying this request. Wisconsin as a whole, made economic mistakes such as refusing the Air Force Academy to be built in

Lake Geneva back in the 1950's, the refusal of Bong Air Force Base. They waited until the last minute to allow margarine, Lottery, and Gambling to be brought into the state. People were going outside of the state to do these three things. As far as gambling is concerned, Some still do. This is good revenue for the Milwaukee Area. Please don't refuse it. Give your support to a very worthwhile project.

Sincerely

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