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Dear Sirs:

I am writing in support of the Forest County Potawatomi Community Foundation and their desired plans for expanding casino operations in the Menomonee Valley. I believe the requested zoning change which will allow this expansion is warranted and will result in significant benefits for the city of Milwaukee and its residents. I urge you to support this zoning change.

Expanding casino operations in the Menomonee Valley will bring jobs to area residents and contractors. The wages and income earned as a result of the expansion will boost economic circumstances for individuals, families and the community as a whole.

In addition, the expansion will be good for the Menomonee Valley, an area receiving much attention of late. The FCPC will ensure additional interest and development in the area, helping to attract other businesses to invest and improve the entire area. Milwaukee residents as well as tourists will visit the expanded casino, bringing business to all area attractions. Restaurants, hotels, retail and other concerns will all experience increased business as a result of the expansion.

Expansion of operations will also generate increased charitable donations from the Tribe to community organizations in Milwaukee. The Potawatomi have shared generously with Milwaukee and Milwaukeeans, making charitable donations to community organizations exceeding over \$15 million since the Foundation was founded in 2000.

Milwaukee should be grateful that the FCPC has invested in our community. Their thriving entertainment complex contributes to the economy through jobs, business and entertainment which are necessary for a great city to thrive.

I believe the zoning change required to permit the FCPC's expansion in the Menomonee Valley makes good sense for Milwaukee, and I urge you to support this necessary step.

Sincerely,

Barbara Felix
Executive Director