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Alderman 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, *Andre,*

I am writing to support the request of the Forest County Potawatomi Community to expand their casino facilities in the Menomonee Valley. In my experience, the Potawatomi Community has worked very hard to be a good corporate citizen and have generously supported numerous community development efforts that have positively contributed to the quality of life in Milwaukee.

Some may argue that a casino is not the most desirable form of economic development; however, in light of the changing global economy, we should be grateful for the jobs that have been created by the Potawatomi Community. They currently employ over 2,000 people and the proposed expansion will allow them to add another 1,000.

Their proposed expansion requires a change in zoning and by means of this letter; I respectfully request that your committee support this change.

Sincerely,

Leo J. Ries