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Dear President 

Pursuant to Executive Order 13175 and consistent with President Bush's Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies, dated September 23, 2004, the Department of Justice and the National Indian Gaming Commission invite you to participate in a consultation process regarding proposed amendments to the Gambling Devices Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1171 et seq., commonly known as the Johnson Act. As discussed below, the consultation process will consist of both face-to-face gatherings and the opportunity for written submissions. Please find attached to this letter a copy of the proposed amendments for your review. Electronic copies may be obtained at www.usdoj.gov/otj/johnson.html.

The Department of Justice and the National Indian Gaming Commission anticipate attending three national tribal gatherings in November and December at which we will engage in face-to-face consultation events with tribal leaders. The first consultation event is scheduled for November 1, 2005, from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., at the National Congress of American Indians' annual convention at the Tulsa Convention Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The second consultation event is scheduled for November 14, 2005, at the National Indian Gaming Association's mid-year meeting at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, Florida. A third consultation event is anticipated to take place in December 2005, at the California Nations Indian Gaming Association meeting in Palm Springs, California. Please consult the website mentioned above for more specific information on the arrangements for these events and any updates.

In addition, you are welcome to submit written comments on the proposed amendments through December 31, 2005. The most expedient means for providing comments is via e-mail at tribalconsultation@usdoj.gov. Please note that the e-mail address is set up to accept files in Word, WordPerfect, or PDF. As an alternative, your comments may be mailed to:

Johnson Act Tribal Consultation
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Given the volume of comments that may be received, it is requested that written submissions be limited to fifteen (15) pages. Also, consistent with government-to-government relations, please submit a single set of comments through the appropriate, designated tribal leader, and indicate that the comments represent the official views of your government.

Thank you for working with the Department of Justice and the National Indian Gaming Commission on this important matter and we welcome hearing your views.

Sincerely,



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