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The Honorable Ann Rest
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The Honorable Joe Atkins
Commerce & Labor, Chair
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Re: *Report to the Legislature on the Status of Indian Gaming*

Dear Senator Rest and Representative Atkins:

This report is submitted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 3.9221, subdivision 5 (2009), which provides:

The governor, the attorney general, and the governor's designated representatives shall report to the House and Senate committees having jurisdiction over gambling regulation annually. This report shall contain information on compacts negotiated, and an outline of prospective negotiations.

The statute also specifies:

If the governor appoints designees to negotiate under this subdivision, the designees must include at least two members of the Senate and two members of the House of Representatives, two of whom must be the chairs of the Senate and House of Representatives standing committees with jurisdiction over gambling policy.

Minn. Stat. § 3.9221, subd. 2 (2008). Because there have been no formal requests to negotiate further compacts pursuant to the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (hereinafter "IGRA") and no formal requests to renegotiate existing compacts, there has been no need to appoint designees for negotiating purposes.

Finally, because no formal requests were received, we report that no compact negotiations required by IGRA took place during 2008, nor are any pending.

Sincerely,

TIM PAWLENTY
Governor

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