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Griffo on State's Agreement WITH Oneida Indian Nation

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[attachment: preliminary agreement with Oneida Indian Nation]

STATEMENT FROM SENATOR JOSEPH A. GRIFFO

On New York State, Oneida Indian Nation, and
Oneida and Madison Counties agreement.

“In a region that has struggled for a long time, I view this as a positive step, and remain confident that we can chart a course that will be beneficial to the Oneida Indian Nation, as well as to the taxpayers, homeowners and small businesses

throughout Oneida and Madison Counties.

“These issues have far too long been an obstacle to progress and economic growth in a region that continues to struggle economically.

I am now looking forward to an open, and transparent review process, so that all of the details of the agreement can be carefully considered by our local officials and residents.”

“I want to commend Governor Cuomo, Oneida Indian Nation Representative Ray Halbritter, Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente, and Madison County Board of Supervisors Chairman John Becker for their willingness, effort and work to negotiate and present this agreement for consideration and approval.”

“Our region continues to face major economic challenges, and we all need to remain firmly focused on our key goal of bringing new jobs, investments and economic opportunities to Oneida and Madison counties. By working together, I am confident that we can achieve this objective, and create a stronger, brighter future for every city, town and village throughout our entire region.”