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The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor
New York State
Executive Chamber
NYS Capitol Building
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Dear Governor Hochul,

As the only New York State official who can approve a gaming compact between New York State and the Seneca Nation of Indians, I respectfully request that you meet with Seneca Nation of Indians President Rickey Armstrong Sr. as soon as possible to negotiate a new gaming compact agreement for the benefit of New York State residents and members of the sovereign Seneca Nation of Indians.

The partnership between the Seneca Nation and New York's Executive Branch is essential for the economic well-being of Western New York. The Seneca Nation's casinos have an estimated \$1 billion annual economic impact on Western New York and employ more than 6,000 people.

As you know, the current gaming compact between New York and the Seneca Nation expires on December 9, 2023, 81 days from today. Federal review of any new gaming compact negotiated by New York and the Seneca Nation will take a minimum of 50 days.

The time to act is now if we hope to secure the necessary approvals by the State Legislature and the Seneca people before the compact is submitted to the federal government.

As the state senator whose district encompasses the Cattaraugus and Allegany territories of the Seneca Nation of Indians, I am proud to represent Seneca Nation members and businesses and I am grateful for their vital economic and cultural contributions to our vibrant community.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to discuss this issue with you in more detail if necessary.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George M. Borrello".

George M. Borrello
Senator, 57th District

Cc: President Rickey Armstrong Sr.
Seneca Nation of Indians