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Mr. Joseph Ruffolo  
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Dear Mr. Ruffolo,

Thank you for taking the time to reach out to me and Governor Cuomo about the terms of the Gaming Compact between the Nation and State. Similar to the Memorial Medical Center, the Seneca Nation is one of Western New York's largest providers of employment, so I share your concern about how the current atmosphere will affect our employees and neighbors moving forward.

In compliance with the clear terms of the 2002 Gaming Compact, the Seneca Nation has fulfilled its obligation to share revenue with the State of New York for the first 14 years of gaming operations. We look forward to continuing our mutually beneficial relationship with the cities of Salamanca, Buffalo, and Niagara Falls by being good neighbors and remaining loyal partners to local businesses throughout Western New York.

Regarding your concern about the state of our dialogue with Governor Cuomo, the Nation has been willing to meet with the Governor since March and we were scheduled to finally meet with the Governor on July 27, but unfortunately the Governor's office had to cancel the meeting at the last minute. We provided the Governor's office with additional options for meeting dates and look forward to hearing from them about when they can meet on one of those dates.

Sincerely,

Todd Gates, President  
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