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Menominee Tribe Reacts to Out-of-State Opposition to the Kenosha Casino

Craig Corn, Chairman of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin said today:

"On Tuesday, November 5, a group of visitors will come to Madison from other parts of the nation to pressure Governor Walker into saying no to the Menominee Hard Rock Kenosha Casino. The out-of-state people will voice their opposition to Wisconsin creating 5,000 new direct and indirect jobs and generating at least \$250 million in new revenue for the state in the first five years that the casino operates. Perhaps they'd rather see Illinois get the jobs and tourists at the expense of Wisconsin.

"While the visitors to Madison may be respected voices on some issues, the rock solid support of WISCONSIN conservatives surely trumps what these visitors might offer.

In Wisconsin, a significant group of local conservative voices has offered very strong support for the project and publicly urged Governor Walker to approve it. The local support includes some of the strongest Wisconsin conservative voices that range from Mark Belling and Owen Robinson to Jay Weber and Brookfield blogger Cindy Kilkenny. WTMJ's Jeff Wagner also has been a strong Kenosha advocate, and Charlie Sykes, while still neutral, has talked extensively about some of the key themes that include the thousands of jobs and the benefits to our state over the neighbors to the south. The list of supporters for the Kenosha Casino includes Republican legislators from Manitowoc, Crivitz, Bonduel, Powers Lake, and, of course, Racine and Kenosha. Well-known GOP Racine County Executive Jim Ladwig also has endorsed the project.

"This project has very strong conservative support and merits approval, regardless of what tomorrow's visitors to Wisconsin might say."