

WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE



August 30, 2013

Governor Scott Walker
115 East, State Capitol
Madison WI 53702

Dear Governor Walker:

We want to express our support for the proposed Menominee Indian Tribe's casino in Kenosha. We in the Kenosha and Racine area have worked with the Menominee Tribe for years to bring this economic development project to our area.

As you know, the Menominee Tribe has had an application under consideration since 2004 requesting the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to approve 223 acres of land located at the former Dairyland Dog Racing Track for a casino-entertainment complex. BIA finally signed off on the proposal and forwarded the plan to your office for final consideration.

We believe the Tribe's plans to build a casino and entertainment center will have an enormous positive impact on the economy of southeastern Wisconsin, the State of Wisconsin and certainly for members of the Menominee Tribe. This includes the creation of 1,400 construction jobs and over 5,000 direct and indirect permanent jobs paying good wages and benefits in our communities. The new casino will purchase nearly \$75 million in goods and services and much of that will be purchased locally.

The revenues from the Kenosha facility will have a transforming effect on the Menominee Indian Reservation and Menominee County in northeastern Wisconsin. That is important to us but so is the impact that 5,000 jobs will have on the serious unemployment situation in the Kenosha-Racine area.

We ask that you act promptly in approving this important job-creating project.

Sincerely,

Robert Wirch
State Senator

Peter Barca
State Representative

Tod Ohnstad
State Representative

John Lehman
State Senator

Samantha Kerkman
State Representative

Tom Weatherston
State Representative