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HB 1212-Charitable gaming operating fund and tax

Good morning, Chairman Headland and the members of the committee

My name is Collette Brown from Warwick, representing the Spirit Lake Tribe. My professional title in the gaming industry is, Gaming Commission Executive Director of the Gaming Regulations and Compliance Department, our casino is located seven miles south of Devils Lake

Today I come to you with a neutral position on HB 1212 along with some suggested amendments.

- The sentence on line 15, all other moneys in the charitable gaming operating fund are appropriated to the attorney general on a continuing basis for quarterly allocations as follows. I believe the intention of giving the AG this money was to assure they have a game of integrity, if that is the point then there are a few words missing from this sentence, my suggestion is to amend it to *All other moneys in the charitable gaming operating fund are appropriated to the attorney general **gaming division office for the purpose of regulation and inspection of all ND state game types** on a continuing basis for quarterly allocations as follows.*
- Gambling disorder prevention and treatment fund allocation is a small amount considering the lottery pays in more than 10k a quarter and the lottery has not generated the revenue the etab devices have. These services are here to prevent North Dakotans from becoming addicted to gambling, \$40k a year will not suffice in any outreach development. Please know that we stand with the request from Lisa Vigs testimony.
- The 5% for cities and counties is not enough for them to assist in any type of investigation assistance. That percentage should be higher, this new industry had no consideration of all aspects of gaming, and this should be at least 20% so that those cities or counties will be able to assist the AG's office in any investigative matters, such as any cheats, thefts, scams or money laundering activities.
- Gaming Tax, there are few organizations that are making a lot of money from these etab devices, those charities should pay at least 7% of their adjusted proceeds and they should have their own section, being they have over ten site locations.

With that being said I thank you for allowing me some time to give my input on this bill.