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On December 9, 2022 The Joint Committee on Gambling Regulations, which I was Co-Chair of, issued its report and provided a letter to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate summarizing our findings to date and recommendations for moving forward in the 2023 session. One of the key observations listed was:

“Although we may engage in significant discussions about tribal gaming and the process of siting new casinos is very political, the Oregon Legislature does not have authority to regulate Tribal Gaming. Further we could find no evidence that any “One Tribe, One Casino” policy by the Federal Government or State of Oregon has been formally adopted or exists in written form.”

I recognize that some Governor’s in the past have negotiated with tribes and signed compacts limiting tribes for some stated time to one Casino. However, that too has varied depending on the Governor, and was never approved by the Legislature or codified. As we stated, we found no evidence of a formally written or adopted policy regarding “One Tribe, One Casino.”

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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