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The Honorable Kevin Stitt, Governor
State of Oklahoma
State Capitol Building
2300 North Lincoln Boulevard, Room 212
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Governor Stitt:

We received your letter dated July 5, 2019. We expected you to seek a renegotiation of subsections A and E of Part 11 of the gaming compact, as authorized in Part 15, but did not expect your position that the entire compact expires. Your position presents a problem.

In contrast to yours, our position is based on the plain language of Part 15. Upon the satisfaction of identified conditions, our compact renews on January 1, 2020, for a second fifteen-year term. The pre-conditions for renewal have been satisfied, and our compact will therefore renew.

The Chickasaw Nation does not contest Oklahoma's right to request, through your offices, a renegotiation of subsections A and E of Part 11. We appreciate your coming to Ada to discuss our differences of position. We encourage you to reach out to the other compacting Tribes, many of which have also expressed concerns regarding your position.

Chickasaw Nation counsel will be communicating with your general counsel. Meanwhile, if the State does wish to start talks as authorized by our compact, the Chickasaw Nation would be glad to review any proposal you may have and to proceed with negotiations that comport with our compact and our respective responsibilities and authorities under the law. Please direct any proposal you may have to my office.

Sincerely,


Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation