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Tribal Chairman Anthony Roberts
Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation
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RE: – SUPPORT, CA Sports Wagering Regulation and Unlawful Gambling Enforcement Act

Dear Tribal Chairman Anthony Roberts,

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write to express our support for the California Sports Wagering Regulation and Unlawful Gambling Enforcement Act, which proposes safeguards and regulations for gambling in California.

On April 5, 2022, the Solano County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to support the ballot initiative backed by the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, a federally recognized tribe and member of the Tribal Coalition for Safe & Responsible Gaming. The ballot initiative would authorize sportsbook (or sports-betting) at brick-and-mortar gaming facilities owned and regulated by California tribes. The Board believes the initiative will serve to protect the gaming rights California voters granted to tribal nations with the passage of Proposition 1A, while establishing a regulatory framework in the event voters want to add sports-betting to the gaming amenities tribal governments may offer.

Since Proposition 1A's passage in 2000, tribal governments have been able to gain financial independence, create tens of thousands of full time jobs throughout the state, expand local economies, provide the State and local governments with billions of dollars in revenue sharing payments, and develop partnerships with local governments to support needed constituent programs while operating strictly-controlled brick-and-mortar venues statewide. It is anticipated out-of-state corporate interests will seek to introduce a competing measure that would empower them to offer online sportsbook to Californians; however, it is believed this online industry would threaten jobs and revenues generated by Tribal gaming, and undermine all the efforts made by the Tribes over the last twenty years.

We respect Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation's commitment to its ancestral land and the partnership it has forged with Solano County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John M. Vasquez".

John M. Vasquez,
District 4 Supervisor and Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

CC:

Solano County Board of Supervisors
Karen Lange, Legislative Advocate