

**EXHIBIT H**

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 21, 2021

The Honorable Deb Haaland  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Haaland:

We are writing to express our support for the 2021 amendments to the Arizona Tribal-State Gaming Compact recently submitted to your Department for your approval. The amendments are the result of five years of negotiations between the Arizona tribes and the Governor of Arizona. They represent a great step forward for our State overall, and represent the best kind of agreement, which provides benefits for all.

This is the most significant amendment of the Arizona Tribal Compacts since the current version of the compacts were adopted in 2002. The amendments represent a carefully negotiated agreement between tribal government and state leaders on how best to modernize Arizona gaming policy for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, while retaining tribal exclusivity over nearly all forms of gaming in the State until 2046. The agreement reaffirms the rights of tribes to own gaming operations on tribal lands, eliminates tribal revenue share obligations for most tribes in the State, allows for a moderate expansion of gaming in our urban areas, continues and expands the sharing of tribal gaming revenue amongst all tribes in Arizona, and furthers state gaming regulation and oversight. It also takes the bold step of establishing sports betting in tribal casinos and at certain limited locations in or near professional sporting facilities.

Tribal gaming has long been an economic win-win for tribes and the state. It has promoted economic development and self-sufficiency for tribes and employed thousands of Arizonans in industries such as hospitality, food service, and tourism. In recent years, operations have generated around \$4.75 billion in total sales and approximately \$691 million in revenue share payments to state and local governments and taxes paid by employees and customers. Gaming facilities provide tribes with essential funding sources for tribal education, health care, housing, water infrastructure, and other essential services. Since the original compacts were signed in 1993, gaming has generated nearly \$1.5 billion in tribal contributions to state, county, and municipal governments. These revenue payments are used for K-12 schools, wildlife habitat and conservation, and state tourism.

We encourage you to give the compact amendments your timely consideration and affirmative approval in accordance with the requirements of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



Kyrsten Sinema  
United States Senator



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