



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

August 31, 2009

Chairman Mitchell Cypress
Chairman of the Tribal Council
Seminole Tribe of Florida
6300 Stirling Road
Hollywood, FL 33024

Dear Chairman Cypress:

First, I offer my condolences to you, the Seminole Tribe and the families of those tragically lost in last week's accident.

Over the last two months, representatives from the Seminole Tribe and my administration have negotiated in good faith to reach a fair agreement. The Seminole Tribe receives the exclusivity of certain gaming that it deserves, while providing for revenue sharing between the Tribe and the State. The compact provides a significant financial benefit to the people of Florida, and enables the state to invest in the future of Florida's children.

Enclosed are two originals of the Gaming Compact between the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the State of Florida signed by me on behalf of the State of Florida and by you on behalf of the Seminole Tribe of Florida for the purpose of authorizing Class III Gaming on tribal lands within the State. Pursuant to Florida Statute 287.710, I will provide copies of this compact to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House for the ratification by the Legislature.

I once again thank you for your patience and determination during these last few months.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charlie Crist".

Charlie Crist