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Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe's frivolous lawsuit

Although the Ho-Chunk Nation has not yet been officially served with the complaint filed in Federal Court yesterday by the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe, attorneys for Ho-Chunk have had an opportunity to review the documents which has prompted the attached letter to be sent to Stockbridge-Munsee from Ho-Chunk.

For many months Stockbridge-Munsee has been very publicly slandering the Ho-Chunk Nation and the State of Wisconsin over the plan to improve and expand the Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg location. Now that Stockbridge has actually had to provide evidence and make its legal arguments to a court, it has revealed just how weak and trivial their opposition is. This has spurred the Ho-Chunk Nation attorney Les Marston to demand that Stockbridge voluntarily withdraw its Federal complaint or face serious sanctions by the court for filing a frivolous lawsuit.

"If the Stockbridge persist in pursuing this ill-conceived and unsubstantiated litigation, we will have no alternative but to seek the maximum penalties against the individuals involved on behalf of Stockbridge for wasting the Court's time, not to mention the time and resources wasted by the Ho-Chunk Nation and the State," said Mr. Marston.

The State of Wisconsin and Ho-Chunk Nation have thoroughly and consistently refuted the claims made by the Stockbridge that the Nation was violating the law and its gaming compact with the State.

"It is clear by our analysis of the Stockbridge documents that they have nothing to substantiate its claims," said an incredulous Mr. Marston. "This is the definition of a frivolous lawsuit," he continued.

The Ho-Chunk Nation uses its gaming revenues to provide essential governmental services to its almost 8000 tribal members. The Ho-Chunk Nation has been offering

gaming at its ancillary site in Wittenberg since 2008. The improvement project includes constructing a hotel and restaurant which will add 128 jobs and have a significant economic impact for the area. Completion of the project is scheduled for December of 2017.

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