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Mr. Nick J. Rahall, II
Chairman
U. S. House of Representatives
Committee on Natural Resources
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Rahall:

This is the proposed testimony of Representative Larry Glenn, Oklahoma House of Representatives, District 7 for the hearing on “Oklahoma Indian Issues: Proposed Regulations Governing Economic Development”.

1. Tribal jobs have replaced lost industrial jobs at all levels – with many benefit packages.
2. In District 7 tribal government jobs and employees of tribal investments are the largest employer.
3. Tribal investments include gaming, convenience stores, restaurants, smoke shops, screen printing, movie theatre, truck stop, recycling, buffalo meat, golf course, bank, print shop, motor fuel outlets, cabinet shop and others.
4. As Representative for District 7, I hope to do an actual interim study to determine the economic impact of the tribes in Ottawa County.
5. Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission estimates of annual tribal economic impact are:

Eastern Shawnee	\$51,000,000	
Miami Tribe	6,800,000	
Modoc Tribe	N/A	
Ottawa Tribe	10,000,000	
Peoria Tribe	31,665,000	
Quapaw Tribe	5,092,713	(old data)
Seneca Cayuga	7,224,000	(old data)
Shawnee Tribe	N/A	
Wyandotte Nation	N/A	111,581,713 (incomplete & old data)
Cherokee Nation	950,000,000	(partially in district)

6. Sales tax reserves rise with major events with tax benefits to state & local government, law enforcement and fire fighters.
7. The Ottawa County Sheriffs office states that any crime increase is minimal from casinos.
8. "Caveat" a small number of individuals with addictive tendencies have suffered economic loss from casinos.
9. Tribes have contributed greatly to social and fraternal organizations and contribute to county fair premium sales and reach their highest level.

Tribes aid members in education and social programs which benefits the college education community, medical community, dentists and optometrists.

Summation:

Any issues relative to economic development of Native American Tribes in House District 7 will have a proportionate affect on the economy of the district.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Glenn".

Larry Glenn
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