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**TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS
HB 2740**

Dear Chairman Barker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Russell Brien and I am outside counsel to Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (the “Nation”), which owns and, through a subsidiary tribal enterprise, operates Prairie Band Casino & Resort (“PBCR”). PBCR offers Class III Gaming to its patrons pursuant to the Nation’s laws, the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, as amended, and the Tribal State Gaming Compact between the Nation and the State of Kansas. PBCR, which employs several hundred Kansas citizens, has long been a significant contributor to the economy of Northeast Kansas.

HB 2740 authorizes negotiation of Tribal-State Sports Betting Compacts for activity on Indian lands and also authorizes each Indian tribe involved in that compacting process to offer sports betting via mobile or internet platforms in accordance with Kansas law. These provisions protect jobs important to the economy in Northeast Kansas and maximize the sports betting market to the mutual benefit of the Nation and the State of Kansas. Accordingly, the Nation supports the passage of HB 2740 as written.

Please feel free to contact me (913.205.7513) or Brad Smoot (785.233.0016), the Nation’s Legislative Counsel, with any additional questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Russell A. Brien