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Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Gaming Authority Releases Commercial Warning of Hundreds of Millions in Lost Revenue *Massachusetts Will Have Four Casinos Instead of Three*

Mashpee, MA – Four casinos instead of three. The loss of hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue for the state and thousands of jobs for local residents. That’s what the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Gaming Authority warns will happen if the Massachusetts Gaming Commission rushes to change the rules governing casino development in Southeastern Massachusetts.

“The public has a right to know what will happen if the Gaming Commission continues their rush to disadvantage the Tribe,” explained Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Chairman Cedric Cromwell. “The state’s own experts warned of disastrous effects if the state and the Tribe don’t work together.”

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and Governor Deval Patrick have reached an agreement to share hundreds of millions of dollars with Massachusetts. However, if the Gaming Commission licenses a commercial casino in Southeastern Massachusetts, under federal law the Tribe will not pay anything to the state.

“The legislature and the Governor studied this issue for years, and passed a law that protects Massachusetts while also respecting our Tribal rights,” Cromwell continued. “Our agreement to share hundreds of millions of dollars with the state is before the legislature for approval. Now the Gaming Commission is interfering with the legislature and risking the destruction of the entire economic model on which the state is relying to create jobs and increase revenue for the state.”

View the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Gaming Authority’s video here:

<http://mashpeewampanoagtribe.com/gamingauthority>

About the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, known as the People of the First Light, has inhabited present-day Massachusetts for more than 12,000 years. After an arduous 30+ year process, the Mashpee Wampanoag were re-acknowledged as a federally recognized tribe in 2007 and retain full tribal sovereignty rights. There are approximately 2,600 enrolled citizens of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

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