

Town of Middleborough
Casino Gambling Study Committee
20 Centre Street, Middleborough, Massachusetts 02346

Mr. Carl J. Artman
Assistant Secretary
United States, Department of the Interior
Bureau of Indian Affairs
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington DC 20240

Re: Petition of the Town of Middleborough

Dear Assistant Secretary Artman:

We the citizens of the Town of Middleborough petition the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs to support the Wampanoag Tribe of Mashpee application for initial reservation.

We have investigated potential positive and negative impacts of a casino-resort in the Town of Middleborough. Attached is our *Community Impact Analysis and Mitigation* report. In that report, we found no insurmountable impacts to the Town.

With the Intergovernmental Agreement, the Wampanoag Tribe has agreed to work in partnership with the Town for a mutually beneficial relationship in perpetuity. The Tribe acted with respect in its dealings with the town and we welcome the Wampanoag Tribe back to their ancestral home in Middleborough.

VOTED this 28th day of July, 2007 by Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting.

Signed,

Brian Giovanoni
Chairman

Eric Cederholm
Vice Chairman

Barbara Frappier

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