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Chairwoman Cheryl Andrews-Maltais
The Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)
20 Black Brook Road
Aquinnah, MA 02535

Dear Chairwoman Andrews-Maltais:

On behalf of Governor Patrick, I am responding to your March 5, 2012 letters to the Governor requesting that the Commonwealth enter into formal gaming compact negotiations with the Tribe pursuant to Section 2710 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and Section 91 of "An Act Establishing Expanded Gaming in the Commonwealth."

Please provide the Office of the Governor with documents which evidence that (1) the Tribe has purchased, or entered into an agreement to purchase, a parcel of land for the proposed tribal gaming development and (2) a vote has been scheduled in the host communities for approval of the proposed tribal gaming development, as required under Section 91 of the Expanded Gaming Act.

Sincerely,

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