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Wisconsin Family Action Asks Department of Administration To Release Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Menomonee Tribe and Labor Unions

MADISON— Today Wisconsin Family Action delivered a letter to Secretary of the Department of Administration Michael Huebsch asking that a Memorandum of Understanding between the Menomonee Tribe of Wisconsin and various labor unions, including the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) be released. The Memorandum of Understanding is in reference to the proposed casino in Kenosha.

According to media reports, this Memorandum of Understanding would strip workers of their rights by not allowing them to cast a secret ballot during a vote on whether or not to unionize.

“Wisconsin Family Action has openly opposed this casino,” commented Julaine Appling, president of Wisconsin Family Action. “We don’t think it is in Wisconsin’s best interest because a new casino endangers Wisconsin’s families. However, we have also openly supported Governor Walker’s Act 10 and its provisions that allow workers to decide for themselves whether or not to join a union. We believe that is part of the liberty we have in this country and that such rights help dads and moms find companies that are good to work for as they seek to provide for their families. We believe the public has a right to know if secret negotiations between the Menomonee Tribe and labor unions would violate workers’ rights.”

The letter also asks Secretary Huebsch to indicate whether the Memorandum of Understanding would be legally binding if Governor Walker approves the new casino.

Appling noted, “We have called on Governor Walker to keep his promise to Wisconsin citizens not to approve a new casino in our state unless his three very clear criteria were met: community approval, agreement of all eleven tribes, and no net increase in gaming in Wisconsin. We don’t see any real, long-term good coming from this casino. If this Memorandum of Understanding does indeed show secret negotiations that strip workers of their rights, we have just one more reason to oppose it and to urge Governor Walker to not approve it.”

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