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Short on Cash for Gambling? Hey, No Problem in Kenosha Casino!

Credit cards and possibly lines of credit would be available at Kenosha casino.

MADISON – Wisconsin Family Action today expressed shock and disappointment over Governor Walker's unprecedented decision to allow the use of credit cards at the proposed casino in Kenosha.

According to a new compact amendment signed by Governor Walker and leaders of the Menomonee Tribe on Tuesday, the agreement could also allow the tribe to offer lines of credit to gamblers in the future.

"For years we've recognized that allowing people to use credit cards in casinos was a bad idea. And now our governor has signed a compact amendment with the Menominee Tribe that changes that? It's such a bad idea that I can't believe it's true, but it's in black and white in the agreement," stated Julaine Appling, president of Wisconsin Family Action.

Wisconsin has never allowed credit cards in casinos, and the prohibition has provided an important hedge on gamblers' spending. "Clearly Governor Walker and the leadership of the Menominee Tribe either do not understand that gambling addiction is real and the results devastating to families and communities, or they simply do not care. What's next, pay day loans and pawn shops inside the casino?" Appling wondered.

"I urge Governor Walker once again to keep his promise not to expand gambling in Wisconsin by rejecting the Kenosha casino and continuing Wisconsin's tradition of not allowing the use of credit at existing casinos," Appling concluded.

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