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### **Action on H.R. 308 to Stop Illegal Glendale Casino Warranted and Welcome**

A 'yes' vote by members of Congress will maintain the integrity of Indian Gaming in Arizona

**Phoenix, Ariz.**—March 25, 2015— Members of the U.S. House Natural Resources Committee met today and approved H.R. 308, the Keep the Promise Act of 2015—federal legislation that protects the gaming policy that exists in the state. H.R. 308, introduced by Congressman Trent Franks and co-sponsored by a bi-partisan group of members of Congress, is urgent in Arizona and timely across the U.S. because of the growing practice and problem of 'off-reservation gaming'.

President of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Delbert Ray, Sr. stands with the members of Congress who are in favor of this legislation and said, "Introduction of this bill early in the 2015 U.S. Congressional Session is a testament to the critical nature of this issue. Our Community applauds today's discussion and is optimistic that swift action will be taken. A 'yes' vote demonstrates leadership, protects the integrity of the sixteen tribes and the State of Arizona who negotiated the gaming compacts in good faith, and maintains the balanced approach to gaming in Arizona. We await its full passage."

Swift passage of H,R. 308 will preserve tribal economies and job creation that is the direct result of tribal commitments to Arizona voters in 2002, a policy that has been successful for over a decade.

Establishing "casino reservations" in the City of Glendale and potentially other Phoenix area county islands by a Tucson area tribe stands to destroy the delicate balance of the tribal state gaming compacts.

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