



**HOUSE BILL 1234
HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 27, 2021**

TESTIMONY OF CYNTHIA C. MONTEAU, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, my name is Cynthia Monteau, I am the Executive Director of the United Tribes Gaming Association (UTGA). I come before you today as an Opponent of House Bill 1234, a bill that compounds the already detrimental impact to casino revenue by allowing statewide sports betting.

Tribal casino operations generate over \$300 million to the state economy and over 3,000 full time equivalents. Our operations allow us to offer employment in rural communities in the state to both tribal and non-tribal members. In addition to, hiring local businesses.

The electronic pull tab machines have impacted casino revenue to the tune of about \$150 million. Gaming is in most cases our sole source of revenue, jobs, and economic development. HB1234 is an expansion of gaming outside of tribal casinos – which we are adamantly opposed.

We urge a do NOT pass of HB 1234.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.