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Office of the Governor
State of Oklahoma

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Via Email

Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
c/o Chief Gary Batton

Re: Tobacco Tax Compact between the State of Oklahoma and the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Dear Chief Batton:

I hope you are well. I remain grateful for the encouraging visit we had at the Governor's Mansion on March 1, 2023. This letter serves as a follow-up to recent conversations between our respective offices regarding the Tobacco Tax Compact between the State of Oklahoma and the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. The understanding reached in those conversations was that substantive dialogue about the tobacco compact, which is set to expire December 31, 2023, would occur in June 2023. Although we were looking forward to good faith conversations at that time, and still welcome those discussions, we recently learned that some have engaged the legislature in lieu of the discussions planned for June.

During the recent conversations referenced above, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma expressed its desire to extend the current compact, specifically to maintain the current 50/50 apportionment of state taxes associated with cigarette sales. With that desire in mind, as an expression of good faith, and in the spirit of fairness, I am prepared to offer a one (1) year extension of the 50/50 apportionment and am enclosing herewith an updated Tobacco Tax Compact for your review and execution. You will note that I have already signed the agreement.

If you would like to further discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. You are also free to have a representative reach out to my general counsel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Stitt".

J. Kevin Stitt
Governor

Enclosure