



# POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS

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Statement from Stephanie A. Bryan, Tribal Chair/CEO  
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We agree with Governor Bentley that the State has spent money unwisely in efforts aimed at shutting down gaming in Alabama. Unfortunately, much of those taxpayer dollars was directed at attacking the well-regulated, legal gaming business of our own Tribe.

Our concerns going forward mirror those of most of Alabama's citizens: Will the citizens of Alabama have a chance to vote on how they want our State's gaming businesses run and regulated to ensure that those businesses benefit the State and ease the on-going financial crisis?

We remain committed to putting gaming to a vote of the people. In the meantime, we will continue to run our gaming businesses to the highest of standards using a proven and stringent regulatory framework.

We understand the importance of all decisions that affect gaming. Our own businesses produce essential funds for our Tribal government and our people. We are proud, too, that we are able to generate much-needed tax dollars for Alabama and provide jobs and economic benefits throughout the State while offering safe resorts with highly-regulated entertainment options.