

*Dear Fellow Alabamians,*

We are the **POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS**. A group has started a campaign against our people, and it is time to set the record straight by giving Alabamians the facts.

If this group cared about the facts, they would have wanted you to know about the fiscal contributions we make to the state. Unfortunately, their approach is focused on spreading misinformation and false propaganda through a million-dollar statewide campaign about our Tribe and the values we hold dear. We believe it is important to communicate openly about who we are as a people, the positive economic impact our businesses make, and what our dreams are for the State we love. We will not talk about the specific members of this group because none of us know who they are. **INSTEAD WE WILL GIVE YOU THE FACTS**. Because like us, you understand that telling the truth is always the appropriate corrective action.

Contrary to the secret group's claims — **WE PAY TAXES**. In fact, we have paid more than \$374 million dollars in local, state, and federal taxes. This year, we are on track to have that number significantly increase.

Right here in Alabama, we have paid more than \$400 million for goods and services. We are responsible for creating more than 9,000 jobs. And we have **REINVESTED MORE THAN \$500 MILLION** back into Alabama because we believe in supporting our State and helping improve opportunities for families.

We are proud to have helped foster an economic environment that has made it possible for us — and for others — **TO START NEW BUSINESSES**. In fact, besides our three gaming resorts, we now have 20 businesses here in Alabama in diverse industries such as aviation, farming, and metal work.

We are blessed to have been able to **DONATE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS** across our State. Sometimes we give to address critical needs like disaster relief. Other times, we see an opportunity to improve the quality of life for everyone who calls Alabama home. But no matter why or how we give, we contribute because it is something we want to do, not what we have to do.

Along that line, we have offered, for more than 40 years, to negotiate a compact with Alabama's Governor that would provide us a mechanism to **SHARE OUR REVENUES WITH THE STATE**. We have discussed with Alabama legislators ideas for how to develop a fair, regulated system of gaming businesses in the State that could provide over a billion dollars in much needed revenues to Alabama's coffers. While those efforts have so far proved unsuccessful, we continue to remain committed to being part of a solution to these issues and do what is right for Alabama.

So, as we look at the money and effort that is being spent on this paid lie campaign against us, we wonder — what is this all for, and who does it benefit? Is this secret group working for Alabama and to the benefit of many? Or, are its members working for themselves to the detriment of others? These are real questions that merit **HONEST ANSWERS**. Unfortunately, it is hard to start a conversation with people who have decided to hide in the shadows.

*Sincerely,*

The Poarch Creek Indians Tribal Council

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