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Dear Tom,

For some time now, I have been meaning to sit down and really express my gratitude for what you have done for Indian Country.

When we first talked about the shame of how tribes were being misled and robbed in order to have access to a government with which they already had treaty relationships, I could have never imagined what you would actually uncover. But as is your style, you dove right in, investigated and assembled information about the wrongdoing of Mr. Abramoff and his associates. Initially, I wondered about your strategy of alerting key figures about the madness that was occurring. However, your knowledge of Capital Hill, the media, and the abilities of congressional investigators were invaluable to the disclosure of this injustice. Without your efforts, tribes might still be paying to actually have someone work against their interests.

I have known you over a decade and have always known you to be honest, forthright and hardworking. Indian Country in general owes you a great debt of gratitude. If and when you ever want to disclose your efforts, know you can count on me to support you. I am very proud of you, my friend.

Best wishes,

Rick Hill

-Letter from Rick Hill, Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association, 1993-2001



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