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# Federal approval of Kenosha casino poised to hurt Milwaukee

## **Statement of President Willie L. Hines, Jr.** **August 23, 2013**

Many other members of the Common Council and I are very concerned about today's announcement by the Bureau of Indian Affairs because of the estimated 3,000 jobs that would be lost in Milwaukee should this Kenosha casino proposal go forward.

Members of the Common Council have personally visited the BIA to express our concerns about the thousands of Milwaukee jobs that are on the line because of the Kenosha casino proposal. Unfortunately, it appears the BIA has not seriously considered the lost jobs in Milwaukee in its review of the Kenosha casino application.

We are, however, encouraged that Governor Walker has established criteria for considering new casinos that include a requirement of consensus among the local and surrounding community regarding a proposed casino project. The Kenosha proposal plainly does not meet this standard, and we encourage the Governor to reject this application because of the jobs that are projected to be lost in Milwaukee.

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