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Spectacle Gary LLC
c/o Board of Managers

Via e-mail to: greg.gibson [REDACTED] jerpenbach [REDACTED]; and
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Re: Gary Inland Project

Dear Board Members:

Since its November business meeting, the Indiana Gaming Commission (“Commission”) has worked to enable the Gary inland casino project to continue under difficult and unprecedented circumstances. We’re pleased the mediation was successful and the parties were able to reach an agreement that satisfies the Commission’s initial concerns.

With today’s adoption of Orders 2021-1 and 2021-2, Mr. Rod Ratcliff is completely and immediately divested from ownership in entities associated with casino owner licensee, Majestic Star Casino. In addition, Mr. Ratcliff permanently relinquished his gaming license and the parties have requested all administrative and judicial proceedings be dismissed. Hard Rock and Spectacle Entertainment will be asked to address the Commission at its March meeting, with a focus on additional remedial efforts and commitments moving forward.

In recognition of your initial efforts, I’m pleased to rescind the pause on the inland project and dedicate Commission staff and resources towards an expeditious opening. This project is important to the City of Gary, the State, and the Majestic Star employees and their families. The Commission will continue to hold its licensees to high standards of integrity and accountability in ensuring its success.

Sincerely,

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