



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Executive Branch of Tribal Government
Office of the Chief Executive

July 18, 2025

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
328A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

**Re: Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Expresses Concern Regarding Brian Quintenz's
Nomination for Chair of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission**

Att: Letter to Senate Ag re Quintenz nom 7.16.25.pdf

Dear Senator Klobuchar,

On behalf of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe ("the Band"), I am writing to express our concern with the nomination of Brian Quintenz to Chair the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC). The Band supports the issues raised by the Indian Gaming Association and the National Congress of American Indians, among others, which can be found in the attached letter.

The Band finds Mr. Quintenz's failure to provide clarity on self-certified futures contracts on sporting events to be particularly troubling for Minnesota gaming Tribes. As these contracts have resulted in continuing contravention of CFTC regulations by entities that are registered with the CFTC, the leader of the CFTC must be clear about the applicability of the regulations he will be in charge of enforcing. During his hearing, Mr. Quintenz did not adequately address these concerns. Instead, he indicated that he would follow his own interpretation of the relevant Commodity Exchange Act regulations.

Permitting these entities to continue unchecked operations would allow them free reign without the regulations provided by state and tribally regulated sports betting. It is extremely troubling that Mr. Quintenz did not provide any clarity on this issue during his hearing, and doubly so as, if confirmed, Mr. Quintenz would become the sole commissioner in the CFTC.

Therefore, the Band urges the Committee not to advance Mr. Quintenz's nomination until he has committed to initiate a CFTC review of these contracts if he is confirmed. The Band thanks you for your dedication in exercising your oversight over the mission of the CFTC and your leadership of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Virgil Wind", is written over a horizontal line.

Virgil Wind
Chief Executive
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe