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LETTER: Look where support comes from

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The Grand Rapids Press seems to be rather isolated in its support for Todd Boorsma's Michgo and 23 is Enough.

Editorial support for the Gun Lake Casino and the compact has come from the Detroit Free Press, Grand Rapids Business Journal, Muskegon Chronicle, and the Lansing State Journal. In addition to these great editorials, George Weeks, the syndicated political columnist, and former chief of staff to Governor William Milliken, also published an extremely supportive column.

Todd Boorsma received support from many individuals against the casino because of moral reasons. I am sure they are very sincere in their convictions. However, I wonder if these same people know that Todd Boorsma used the exact same attorneys and lobbyists as Kevin Flynn who received \$5 million from Boyd Gaming to keep the Gun Lake Casino from opening.

Kevin Flynn was paid by Boyd Gaming, but the question is, where does Todd Boorsma get the funding for Michgo?

The Gun Lake Tribe has had to fund huge sums of money to defend this deliberately delayed legal process. The Tribe does have investors that have been very steadfast. However, the Tribe must pay back these huge sums of money when this is finally resolved and still has its rightful sovereignty.

Friends of the Gun Lake Indians (FOGLI) started with six members and now numbers more than 10,000. This is a grassroots organization and none of the volunteers have ever been paid for their efforts. We see the unfairness and we are truly friends of the Tribe.

Representative Hoekstra endorsed the Manistee Little River Band in 1993 for their casino. However, he has been a firm opponent. An e-mail from Jack Abramoff (along with a donation) ties him in with others in government who seem more worried about where their next political donation will be coming from. All of the heavyweights from Grand Rapids from Pete Secchia, Dick DeVos, Michael Jandernoa to Peter Cook (Todd Boorsma's boss) seem to be against this project. We must ask ourselves, why have they fought this so hard? Do they really believe the Gun Lake Casino will take money that otherwise would be spent in downtown Grand Rapids? Or, are there other reasons?

The Gun Lake Casino will be creating 1,800 new jobs and 3,100 new indirect jobs in our local community. They are supported by more than 35 chambers, schools, labor unions, municipalities, tourism councils, alliances, and lodging associations. This casino will happen; it is only a matter of time.

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