

**SUMMARY OF COMMENTS ON THE MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE'S LAND-  
IN-TRUST APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
INTERIOR, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS**

- The Commonwealth opposes the Tribe's application because it fails to provide the BIA with the criteria required under the regulations that would allow the BIA to evaluate the Tribe's proposed acquisition.
- The Commonwealth opposes the application because it fails to build in the necessary safeguards that are required under Massachusetts law (safeguards that were built into the resort casino legislation):
  - Environmental, zoning, transportation, labor, public safety, public health, and consumer protection.
  - Environmental:
    - Ensure that the project complies with green house gas policy, onsite renewable energy generation, energy efficiency goals, and sustainable development principles
    - Department of Environmental Management - water management, wetlands protection, water pollution, drinking water, hazardous waste, solid waste management, air pollution concerns
    - Department of Fish and Game - wildlife and habitat concerns
    - Department of Conservation and Recreation - conservation land concerns
  - Zoning:
    - Affordable housing concerns
  - Transportation:
    - Traffic volume concerns
    - Access concerns
    - Transportation-related environmental concerns
    - Transportation-related cost concerns (who pays)
  - Labor and Employment:
    - Wage and benefit concerns- health insurance, unemployment insurance, time off

- Health and safety concerns- smoking, occupational safety, workers' compensation
- Anti-discrimination concerns
- Privacy concerns
- Public Safety:
  - State Police - early involvement, district attorneys, neighboring police departments, general policing plan
  - Department of Fire Services - mutual aid agreements
  - Department of Public Safety - state building code, other specialized codes (electrical code, etc), disability access, boiler, air tank, and refrigeration regulations
- Public Health:
  - Mirror the requirements built into the legislation.
- Consumer Protection Concerns:
  - Chapter 93A, jurisdiction of state courts.
- Other Considerations:
  - Neighboring Communities:
    - Don't benefit and bear costs.

**BIA Process:**

- The Tribe will have the opportunity to respond and attempt to address the Commonwealth's concerns.