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**Statement from James Allen, Chairman, Hard Rock International  
On Press Reports Regarding Governor Walker's Decision to Deliberate  
Further on the Menominee Hard Rock Kenosha Casino Proposal**

In my role as Chairman of Hard Rock International I frequently come in contact with heads of state, elected officials and public officials from around the world. I believe I am a good judge of character and able to determine the measure of a person based on a working relationship.

During the time that Hard Rock has partnered with the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin to help win approval for a proposed casino in Kenosha I find Governor Scott Walker to be a patient man who is spending a considerable amount of time understanding our proposal.

I was surprised last week by an Associated Press story that stated the president of the Ho-Chunk Nation found that the continued deliberation on our proposal "generates false hope for the Menominee {and} raises questions about the governor's decisiveness."

Personally, nothing could be further from the truth. I applaud the thorough approach that Governor Walker is taking. Menominee Chairman Craig Corn and I are grateful for the Governor's forthrightness in all our discussions and we appreciate the awareness he shows on the details of all the issues.

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To learn more about the proposed Menominee Hard Rock Casino in Kenosha, and to see the proposal presented to the Governor, please visit [www.menominee-nsn.gov](http://www.menominee-nsn.gov) or [www.casinokenosha.com](http://www.casinokenosha.com).