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Kahnawà:ke Takes Position in Kentucky Dispute

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(Kahnawà:ke – 7, Kenténha/October 2008) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke announced today that Grand Chief Michael Ahrírhon Delisle, Jr. has issued a strongly worded letter to the Governor of the Commonwealth (State) of Kentucky, expressing concern about a recent Order of Seizure issued by a Kentucky District Court.

The Order of Seizure, issued on September 18, 2008, directs that 141 internet domain names of various online gaming operators, including a number of prominent licensees of the Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission, be seized and forfeited to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

“This is a perfect example of someone who knows nothing about the effects of their actions,” said Grand Chief Michael Ahrírhon Delisle, Jr. “It’s not the first time that a government has tried to prevent us from conducting business and it won’t be the last. But, rest assured, we will always protect our jurisdiction and the integrity of the Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission.”

In his letter to Governor Steve Beshear, Grand Chief Delisle wrote, “We are compelled to draw to your attention that your actions will also adversely affect the members of our community – and that is not acceptable.”

A hearing of the District Court in Kentucky, at which the Seizure Order is to be re-considered, is to be held today. The outcome of this hearing will determine whether it will be necessary for the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke to take further action to protect Kahnawà:ke’s interests.

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