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RE: Proposed Amendment to Gaming Activity Authorization Regulations

Dear Ms. George,

On behalf of the City of Lodi, I am writing to inform you of our opposition to any proposed amendment of Section 2071 of Title 11, Division 3, Chapter 1, Article 7 of the California Code of Regulations that would reduce or eliminate the ability of a licensed cardroom to waive the collection of player fees.

Mandating that cardrooms charge their customers collection fees would place our local cardroom at a competitive disadvantage and could ultimately result in its closure. The cardroom in our city is a major employer and its closure would severely disrupt our local economy. Moreover, the cardroom provides significant and important revenues that benefit our city. These revenues pay for important programs and services including public safety, parks and recreation and social services.

As our community moves forward from recent economic difficulties, it is imperative that we are able to maintain our local living wage jobs and tax revenues. I can assure you that our entire community has benefited from the cardrooms resources. The implementation of these proposed regulations and the resultant loss of revenue would negatively impact our city and hinder our ability to continue providing quality programs and vital services for our residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (209) 333-6874.

Sincerely,



Adam Brucker
Business Development Manager