

Susanne George

From: Barbara Mikacich <barbmik@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 28, 2014 6:04 PM
To: Susanne George
Subject: Fwd: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO GAMING ACTIVITY AUTHORIZATION REGULATION

Dear Ms. George:

As cardroom owners for 55 years, we are writing to inform you of our OPPOSITION to any proposed regulations that hinder a gambling establishments ability to collect or waive fees. For the past five plus decades, our business has provided entertainment for the citizens of Sacramento while also contributing many living wage jobs and vital tax revenues. This would all be lost.

If the Bureau were to require that we must charge our customers certain fees, our business would be FORCED TO CLOSE due to a dramatic loss of revenue. If a customer has a choice of whether they are going to pay a collection fee per wager or not, they will always prefer the casino that does not charge a collection fee.

The proposed regulations would severely limit our ability to operate our business by mandating that we charge customers certain collection fees per wager. Since the rise of tribal gaming after the passage of Proposition 1A in the year 2000, our business has had to adapt in order to compete with large tribal casinos who offer a variety of games that we cannot. For the past five plus decades we have had the ability to waive collection fees for our customers, and there is no reason why we should now be forced to charge our customers more than our competition.

No other gaming business in California is forced by law to charge their customers a fee per wager, and there is no rational basis for the Bureau to institute this discriminatory practice at the bequest of Special Interests that do not want to compete with other small businesses.

The proposal is a form of regulatory price fixing, and it should not be tolerated. Responsible business owners in California should be able to determine the fees they want to charge their customers.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Peter and Barbara Mikacich, owners
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