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RE: The Proposed Amendment to Gaming Activity Authorization Regulations

Susanne,

On behalf of the Clovis 500 Club Casino, I write this letter to you in an effort to convey our strong **OPPOSITION** to any proposed regulations that undoubtedly will hinder California gambling establishments' ability to either collect or waive collection fees to their patrons.

The proposed regulations would cripple the operation of our casino, ultimately costing the community more than 250 job positions that we currently provide. In addition to the likely closure of our business, our city will be greatly effected by the loss of nearly \$625,000 annually in tax revenue we provide.

For nearly 15 years our business has been forced to adapt in an effort to compete with tribal casinos and the passage of Proposition 1A. Those same large tribal casinos who offer a plethora of games and slot machines that I cannot.

For the past decade, we have had the ability to waive collection fees to our patrons, and this should not be changed now. Other than for the benefit of tribal casinos and to force the closure of California cardrooms, their only competitors, there is no good reason why the State of California should force me to charge my patrons more than my competitors. The mere notion that the Bureau require me to charge our patrons collection fees and force me to be at a competitive disadvantage is simply wrong and unconscionable. The revenue losses this would cause to our 61 year old business would indeed be too much to overcome. The loss of jobs and tax revenue to our community would be devastating.

For more than 60 years, our casino has provided quality entertainment, much needed jobs, and valuable tax revenue to our city. The proposal is discriminatory and indeed a form of regulatory price fixing, geared to benefit Special Interests that do not desire to compete fairly with existing small businesses.

As a responsible, 61 year old California business, I feel we have earned the right to determine what we should or should not charge our patrons, rather than be forced to do so by law.

Respectfully,

Dusten S. Perry
General Manager
Clovis 500 Club Casino