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Sacramento, CA 95820

RE: Proposed Amendment to Gaming Activity Authorization Regulations

Dear Ms. George,


On behalf of the Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to inform you of our **OPPOSITION** to any proposed regulations that hinder a gambling establishment's ability to collect or waive fees as such regulations would be a **JOB KILLER** in our community.

These regulations would place an unnecessary burden on cardroom businesses in our area by mandating that they charge their customers certain collection fees per wager. For the past decade, cardrooms have had the freedom to charge their customers as they desired, and the government should not force businesses to charge their customers certain fees. Moreover, a government required collection fee would place an unnecessary restraint on many cardrooms, and position them at a competitive disadvantage to other gaming interests in the State. If these regulations were to go into effect, the cardrooms in our city would go out of business, and hundreds of jobs would be lost, further hindering the city of Gardena economic recovery.

At a time when many small businesses are struggling through these difficult economic times, it is imperative that businesses have the flexibility to charge their customers as they see fit. Special interests should not be able to push regulations that dictate pricing models so that they do not have to compete with small businesses. This proposal is a form of regulatory price fixing, and it should not be tolerated. Responsible business owners in this state should be able to determine the fees that they want to charge their customers. The cardrooms in our area are a major employer in our community, and their closure would severely disrupt our local economy. For these reasons and more, we respectfully **OPPOSE** these proposed regulations and label them as a **JOB KILLER**.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter

Sincerely,



Wanda Love
President