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Bureau of Gambling Control

Sacramento, CA 95820

RE: Proposed Amendment to Gaming Activity Authorization Regulations

Dear Ms. George,

On behalf of RACXX CARDROOM in Placer County, I am writing to inform you of our **OPPOSITION** to any proposed regulations that hinder a gambling establishments ability to collect or waive fees as a such regulations would be a **JOB KILLER** in our community.

These proposed regulations would severely limit my ability to operate my business by mandating that I charge my customers certain collection fees per wager. Since the rise of tribal gaming after the passage of Proposition 1A in the year 2000, Cardroom businesses have had to adapt in order to compete with large tribal casinos who offer a variety of games that I cannot. For the past decade, Cardrooms have had the ability to waive collection fees for their customers, and there is no reason why I should be forced to charge my customers more than my competition. My Cardroom has not opened yet in Placer County and these proposed regulations would close my establishment before I have the opportunity to open it.

If the Bureau were to require that I must charge my customers certain fees, my business will be at a competitive disadvantage, and I will be forced not to open my business due to the inability to run a profitable business. 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. For the past few decades, Cardrooms have provided entertainment for the citizens of their communities while also contributing living wage jobs and vital tax revenue. This all could be lost if these regulations become law.

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. 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.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter

Sincerely,

Michael Lincoln

Owner: Racxx Cardroom

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Lincoln". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "M" and a cursive "L".