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November 25, 2014

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RE: Proposed Amendment to Gaming Activity Authorization Regulations

Dear Ms. George,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the Town of Colma's strong opposition to any proposed regulations that hinder a gambling establishment's ability to collect or waive fees. Such regulations would have a significant negative economic impact on the Town of Colma and our ability to provide much needed services to our residents, including public safety services.

As we understand it, these proposed regulations would severely limit a cardroom's ability to operate by mandating that cardrooms charge their customers certain collection fees per wager. The Town believes mandated and limited collection fees would place the Lucky Chances cardroom at a competitive disadvantage with other cardrooms and/or casinos which would result in a significant loss of revenue for the Town of Colma.

It is estimated that the Bureau's proposed regulations would result in a 25 percent loss to our cardroom's gross revenue. Cardroom revenue comprises a full 27 percent of the Town's General Fund revenue – revenue that provides for public safety, recreation programs and capital improvement projects in our small Town. Assuming the Town would see the same percentage drop in cardroom revenue, Colma would lose \$1 million from its General Fund. This substantial drop in revenue would result in significant program cutbacks in our community, including possible cuts to our Police Department.

The entire Colma community has benefited from the cardroom's resources. The implementation of these proposed regulations would severely impact our Town and impede our ability to continue providing quality programs and vital services for our residents. As a result, the Town of Colma strongly urges you to reject these proposed regulations.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Helen Fisicaro

Cc: Larry Wallace, Director of the Department of Justice Division of Law Enforcement
Assembly Member Phil Ting
Senator Mark Leno
Jessica Stanfill Mullin, Regional Public Affairs Manager, Peninsula League of Cities



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Susanne George
Research Analyst
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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 the Colma Police Department, 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 detrimental to our community.

This bill would severely limit a cardroom's ability to operate by mandating that cardrooms charge their customers certain collection fees per wager. In our community, mandated and limited collection fees would place our cardroom at a competitive disadvantage, and as a result our community would suffer a drastic loss of revenue.

The cardroom in our city is a major employer in our community and it's estimated that the Bureau's proposed regulations would result in a 25% loss to our cardroom's gross revenue. This substantial drop in revenue would cause many layoffs in our community, and severely disrupt my department's ability to provide services. The revenue that my department receives from Lucky Chances Casino is vital to my department's ability to protect and serve the community of Colma. Without this funding my department would have to cut back on providing vital public safety services.

Due to the passage of AB109, realignment, and Proposition 47, an unprecedented number of low-level criminal offenders are being released back into our local communities and it is imperative that police departments have proper funding to ensure that their citizens are appropriately protected. I can assure you that the implementation of these proposed regulations would severely impact our city, and hinder my departments' ability to protect and serve my community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk Stratton".

Kirk Stratton
Chief of Police



North Peninsula Food Pantry & Dining Center of Daly City

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*"Providing nutrition
and sustenance
to anyone in need."*

November 24, 2014

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Dear Ms. George:

Lucky Chances Cardroom in Colma supports countless nonprofits in our community.

One such non-profit is North Peninsula Food Pantry and Dining Center of Daly City. We serve hot meals and distribute groceries to needy families three days a week. A considerable amount of funding comes from the cardroom's annual support of our major fundraising dinner which they completely underwrite.

We feel that if the cardroom's revenue is decreased, they will have to curtail their support of local nonprofits. In addition, Town of Colma makes a considerable annual donation to our cause. They may also have to curtail their support if the revenue from the cardroom is also impacted.

We respectfully urge you to vote no on any proposed regulations that hinder a cardroom establishment's ability to collect or waive fees as such regulations would be a detriment to our nonprofit community.

Sincerely,

Denise Kelly
Executive Director

cc: Larry Wallace, Director of the Department of Justice Division of Law Enforcement
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