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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to object to the most recently proposed card room regulations put forward by the Bureau of Gambling Control. This proposal discards decades of stable business practices that have enabled card rooms to generate revenues for local government and local public safety. As written, these proposed regulation changes would have a devastating impact on the card room industry and the cities and local law enforcement agencies that rely on card rooms as a reliable source of local revenue.

On a statewide basis, these proposals will result in the loss of half a billion dollars in state taxes, as well as over 30,000 well-paying jobs. San Joaquin County, which is in my district, stands to lose over 700 jobs and will have to absorb a negative economic impact of over \$128 million. In short, the regulations considered are harmful to local governments and to local public safety.

The games affected by these proposed changes are controlled games which have been approved and in play in our jurisdiction for decades, without harm or complaint. The revenue generated by these games is vital to the success of card rooms and the success of many California communities like my own. I am very concerned about the future of these proposed regulations and the major negative impact they would have on local government services, jobs, public safety, and local economy.

For decades, the card rooms in my district have contributed steady tax revenues, well-paying jobs, and capital improvements. I urge you to consider the importance of California card rooms to our communities and the repercussions these proposed regulations changes would have. The pending proposal is not only harmful, but it overrides decades of stable business practices and dampers local government revenues and our ability to provide full public safety services.

I join with the California Police Chiefs Association in opposition to this proposal.

Sincerely,

Cathleen Galgiani

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