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The City of Citrus Heights is committed to providing high quality economical, responsive city services to our community.

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Susanne George
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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 City of Citrus Heights, 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.

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 a mandatory collection fee would place our cardroom at a competitive disadvantage, and as a result the cardroom would be forced to close due to a drastic loss of revenue.

The cardroom in our city is a major employer in our community, and its closure would severely disrupt our local economy. Moreover, the cardroom provides significant and important revenues that benefit our city. These revenues pay for important programs and services including public safety, parks and recreation, water delivery systems, transportation, and social services.

As our community works through difficult economic times, it is imperative that we are able to maintain our local living wage jobs and tax revenues. I can assure you that our entire community has benefited from the cardroom's resources. The implementation of these proposed regulations would severely impact our city, and hinder our ability to continue providing quality programs and vital services for our residents.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter

Sincerely,

Melvin D. Turner

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Mayor