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RE: Opposition to Proposed Amendment to Gaming Activity Authorization Regulations

Dear Ms. George,

The Citrus Heights Chamber is opposed to the current proposed regulations that hinder a gambling establishment's ability to collect or waive fees. Such a regulation would hurt our economic recovery. Our local card room, Stone's Casino, employs hundreds of local residents and is a destination for customers from around the region.

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. Stone's Casino has made a major investment in the Citrus Heights community. These proposed regulations will place them at a competitive disadvantage relative to other gaming interests in the state by stranding the investments they have made in our community and endangering hundreds of local jobs.

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 and that the State does not change the rules mid-stream. The cardroom in our area is a major employer and strong community partner, and their closure would disrupt our local economy. For these reasons and more, we respectfully oppose these proposed regulations.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter

Sincerely,



Evan Jacobs
2014 Board Chair
Citrus Heights Chamber