



RANCHO  
CORDOVA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Susanne George, Research Analyst  
California Department of Justice  
Bureau of Gambling Control  
Sacramento, CA 95820

24 November 2014

RE: **OPPOSITION** to proposed Amendment to Gaming Activity Authorization Regulations

Dear Ms. George,

On behalf of the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, we wish to register our **strong opposition** any and all regulations to inform you of our **OPPOSITION** to any proposed regulations hindering any gambling establishment's ability to collect or waive fees. Such regulations would be a **JOB KILLER** in our community.

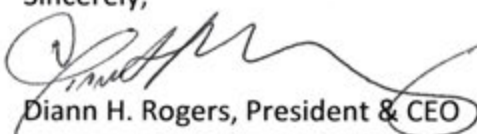
These regulations would place an unnecessary burden on the two card room businesses in Rancho Cordova by mandating fees per wager upon customers. For the past decade, card rooms owners and management have had the freedom to charge their customers as suggested by their respective business models and the free market – government should not interfere. This proposal forcing business to charge their customers is a move benefiting few. A government required collection fee places an unnecessary restraint on many card rooms, and positions them at a significant competitive disadvantage to other gaming interests in the State. If these regulations were to go into effect, the card rooms in Rancho Cordova would go out of business, and hundreds of jobs will be lost.

At a time when many small businesses struggle through difficult economic times, it is imperative businesses have the flexibility to charge customers what is economically feasible not have that dictated by regulation. Fundamental economic principles are in place – let them work. Special interests should not be able to force regulations dictating pricing models for the purpose of reducing their competition from smaller card rooms – this is cowardly.

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. The card rooms in our area are major employers and their closure would severely disrupt our local economy. For these reasons and more, we respectfully **OPPOSE** these proposed regulations and label them as a **JOB KILLER**.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Diann H. Rogers, President & CEO