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## RE: Proposed Amendment to Gaming Activity Authorization Regulations

Dear Ms. George,

I am reaching out to you today in opposition of the proposed regulations that hinder Turlock Poker Room's ability to waive collection fees in California Table Games. A regulation such as the one proposed will cause me, and many others, to lose jobs and put our family's futures at risk. I have a wife and two children. This job has offered me stability in uncertain times and allowed me to provide food and shelter for my family. There are countless people at Turlock Poker Room alone that will be effected negatively by this type of regulation. Even the city of Turlock will suffer losses and a large reduction in its own revenue, much of which funds emergency services and community programs in our area.

If card rooms such as Turlock Poker Room are forced to charge fees on every hand played, we will be at a serious competitive disadvantage to local tribal casinos and suffer a drastic loss of revenue. There is no reason to make such a profound change in policy or dramatic regulation that hurts a vast group of people. What reason could their possibly be to make this change? Who is this supposed to benefit? For the past five years that I have been working with them, Turlock Poker Room has provided safe, legal gaming while contributing jobs and tax revenue to the city and state. Most of these jobs and tax revenue will be gone if these regulations become law.

No other gaming business in California is forced by law to charge its customers a fee per wager, and there is no logical reason for the Bureau to institute this practice. This will only hurt consumers and have no place in a progressive state like California. Please do not be swayed by groups promoting their own agenda or special interests proposing these regulations. Turlock Poker Room and all card rooms like it should be allowed to set fees and pricing based on what is best for their market. This will help them keep so many people, just like myself, working and having the means to provide for our families.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Brian Biggs