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Susanne George
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Sacramento, CA 95820

RE: Proposed Amendment to Gaming Activity Authorization Regulations

Dear Ms. George,

As a longstanding councilmember of the City of Citrus Heights, I am writing to inform you of my opposition to any proposed regulations that hinder a gambling establishment's ability to collect or waive fees as such a regulation would kill jobs 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 great competitive disadvantage, and as a result, the cardroom could be forced to close due to a drastic loss of revenue.

Stones Gambling Hall, the cardroom in our city, is a major employer in our community. Its closure would severely disrupt our local economy, costing our city 400 badly needed jobs and having a tremendous negative impact on surrounding businesses.. Moreover, Stones provides significant and important revenues that benefit our city, which pay for important programs and services including public safety, parks and recreation, low income housing, 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 Stones 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. Please consider these losses as you address this regulation.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Bruins

Jeannie Bruins, Councilmember