

December 13, 2019

Department of Justice  
Bureau of Gambling Control  
P.O. Box 168024  
Sacramento, CA 95816-8024  
Attention: Regulations

**RE: OPPOSE Proposed changes to California cardroom regulations**

Dear Attorney General Becerra,

On behalf of BizFed, a grassroots alliance of more than 180 business organizations that represent 400,000 employers with over 3.5 million employees in LA County, we are writing you today to express our serious concern for the cardroom regulations changes recently proposed by the Bureau of Gambling Control.

As written, these proposed regulations changes would have a devastating impact on the cardroom industry in Los Angeles County, as well as the local cities and thousands of hard-working Californians who rely on these cardrooms for tax revenue, jobs, and community support. BizFed OPPOSES the proposed changes to cardroom game regulations and player-dealer games.

The games affected by these proposed changes are controlled games which have been approved and in play in California for many years, without harm or complaint. The revenue generated by these games is vital to the success of L.A. County cardrooms and, in particular, the success of many L.A. County cities and communities who rely on tax revenue from these businesses. We are very concerned about future of these proposed regulations and the major negative impact they would have on a local industry that supports numerous city services, jobs, and local economies.

The economic impact of the cardroom industry in L.A. County is enormous and cannot be overlooked. Our cardrooms are responsible for nearly 13,500 total jobs, many of which are living wage jobs that require little prior training and are often situated in underserved communities. These cardrooms also generate an irreplaceable \$2.3 billion in total economic impact throughout L.A. County.

Card rooms in L.A. County also make up a large portion of revenue for multiple municipalities. For example, in the city of Hawaiian Gardens, the Casino brings in 75% of the total general fund revenue and the Commerce Casino generates 42% for the City of Commerce. Many of these communities are disadvantaged and these cuts to general funds would hinder important services such as police, fire and community development. The cities who rely on these tax revenues as their major source of funding will be heavily impacted almost immediately.

Many of our member Chambers, their businesses, and employees are also supported by their association with the Cardrooms in their communities. These proposed regulations would undoubtedly have an enormous impact on these small businesses.

Thank you for taking the time to understand the severe gravity of this situation. We urge you to consider the importance of California cardrooms to our communities and the repercussions these proposed regulations changes would have, and we ask that you please work with our association and industry groups to avert such catastrophic change.

Sincerely,



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