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The Honorable Xavier Becerra
California Attorney General
Department of Justice
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Dear Attorney General Becerra,

I write to share concerns regarding potential changes to gaming regulations which could negatively impact local economies throughout our state and the overall California economy. California's card clubs generate tens of millions of dollars in local revenue and provide hundreds of living-wage jobs in our community. Many cities throughout California rely on these tax revenues as their major source of revenue. In some cities, cardrooms provide as much as 80 percent of the city's general fund.

As an Asian Pacific Islander, I am particularly concerned about the impact these proposed changes may have on the API community in terms of employment and overall fairness. APIs make up a large portion of cardroom employees and many would be directly impacted if these legal games were regulated or not allowed.

I am urging your office to help preserve the jobs of hundreds of employees in cardrooms across California. Cardrooms are an important part of our community and support many local businesses, contributes to local charities and non-profit organizations and have a long record of partnering with the city and its public safety officials.

I request the Bureau of Gambling Control reconsider potential changes to rules on card clubs in California. Thank you for your consideration of these concerns and requests.

Sincerely

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