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

RE: Proposed Amendment to Gaming Activity Authorization Regulations

Dear Ms. George,

Inserted are our 87 **OPPOSITION** letters that would hinder Turlock Poker Room & Casino's ability to waive collections fees in controlled games. These proposed regulations will cause many employees to **LOSE JOBS** at Turlock Poker Room & Casino and put many family's future at risk. Moreover, the City of Turlock will suffer a sharp reduction in general fund revenue much of which funds police and fire support in our area.

If the Bureau requires that card rooms such as Turlock Poker Room & Casino's 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. For the past 10 years, Turlock Poker Room & Casino has provided safe, legal gaming while **contributing LIVING WAGE JOBS and VITAL TAX REVENUE to the CITY OF TURLOCK**. Many of these jobs and most of the tax revenue will be lost 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 reasonable basis for the Bureau to institute this practice. History has shown that price controls **HURT CONSUMERS** and have no place in a progressive state like California. Please do not cede to the special interests proposing these regulations and let our card room set its pricing based on local market conditions.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Mario A. Alvarez
Director of Casino Relations
Turlock Poker Room & Casino