



December 1, 2014

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

**SUBJECT: OPPOSE – Amendment to Gaming Activity Authorization Regulations**

Dear Ms. George:

The Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA) opposes the proposed regulations that mandate that cardroom businesses charge their customers certain collection fees per wager.

Los Angeles County has seven cardrooms that provide hundreds of jobs and millions in tax revenue for the state and region. For the past decade, these cardrooms have had the freedom to charge their customers as they desired, in order to stay competitive with the nearly 100 cardrooms across California. Your department's proposed collection fee would place an unnecessary restraint on our region's cardrooms, and position them at a competitive disadvantage to other gaming interests in the state.

Our state is slowly recovering from the Great Recession, and our cardrooms stimulate their surrounding areas' hospitality, food and tourism industries – the backbones of our economy and the areas where the bulk of our new job creation is occurring. This proposal is a form of regulatory price fixing that not only prevents responsible business owners in this state from determining the fees that they want to charge their customers, but also will likely result in a slowing of job creation.

For these reasons and more, we respectfully oppose these proposed regulations and ask that your department reconsider them.

Sincerely,

Coby King  
Chair

Stuart Waldman  
President