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The Honorable Bob Goodlatte
United States House of Representatives
2240 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Goodlatte:

Please know of our complete support for your recent bill, the “Internet Gambling Prohibition Act”, to expand and modernize the prohibition against interstate gambling. Internet gambling enterprises have swept our nation. It is estimated that there are 1,800 Internet gambling sites worldwide and that revenue might have been as much as \$12 billion in 2005.

Clearly, Internet gambling is a growing menace to millions of good, hard-working Americans. Your bill is a common sense approach to this predatory industry. We look forward to assisting in any way possible with its swift passage.

Thank you for the excellent leadership you have given over the years to rein in destructive gambling activities. We appreciate your dedication.

Sincerely,

Richard D. Land