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The Honorable Bob Goodlatte
United States House of Representatives
2240 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Goodlatte:

On behalf of eBay Inc. and our online payment service PayPal, I would like to express our support for H.R. 4777, the Internet Gambling Prohibition Act.

You and your staff are to be commended for introducing commonsense legislation to combat unlawful gambling by U.S. citizens over the Internet. eBay believes that the most effective solution to this problem should target the law enforcement component of the Internet gambling business. Your bill is a crucial step toward clarifying that all forms of online gambling are illegal, as well as giving law enforcement officials the tools they need to target U.S. citizens who participate in illegal online gambling under the Wire Act.

In addition, eBay believes that there is a financial component to addressing this problem. For example, H.R. 4411, the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act of 2005, would clarify federal regulatory authority and prevent U.S. financial services companies from participating in the online gambling payments process on behalf of U.S. citizens. Together, these two bills will significantly reduce illegal online gambling in the United States.

Again, we congratulate you on developing sound legislation targeting illegal online gambling. We look forward to working with you and the Judiciary Committee on this critical issue throughout the remainder of the 109th Congress.

Sincerely,

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Cc: The Honorable Rick Boucher

