



February 16, 2006

Dear Congressman Goodlatte:

Focus on the Family enthusiastically supports the Internet Gambling Prohibition Act. This forward-thinking legislation will clarify ambiguities in the Wire Act regarding the illegality of gambling transactions through wireless communications and give the Department of Justice greater authority to prosecute illegal Internet gambling.

Internet gambling is an ever increasing threat to millions of American families with Internet access. Gambling Anonymous members are younger and younger as a growing percentage of adolescents become addicted to poker games and online gambling. Internet gambling has grown to a \$12 billion industry, increasing at a rate far beyond any other form of gambling worldwide as addiction plagues families, college campuses and senior citizen communities.

It is imperative that we put an end to the exploitation of children and families by off-shore and commercial gambling interests over the Internet. And as the recent gambling-induced corruption in our Nation's Capitol reinforces, the time to act is now. Congress must take action to stop the addictive cancer of Internet gambling by passing the Internet Gambling Prohibition Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Brandt".

Peter Brandt
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