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FRC STANDS IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE “INTERNET GAMBLING PROHIBITION ACT”

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Washington, D.C. – Today Congressman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) unveiled his effort to combat illegal Internet gambling by introducing the “Internet Gambling Prohibition Act.” **Tony Perkins, President of Family Research Council**, issued the following statement:

“Today’s introduction of the ‘Internet Gambling Prohibition Act’ is welcomed and Congressman Goodlatte should be commended for his tireless leadership on this important issue.

“More than six years ago, the National Gambling Impact Study Commission reported to Congress on the dangers posed to minors by Internet gambling. An international gaming industry, relying upon the anonymity afforded Internet gamblers, has accumulated immense wealth at the expense of our youth and our families. The Commission requested that Congress act, and after several attempts, Congress failed to pass legislation.

“Recent news stories about the behind-the-scenes maneuvers to defeat Internet gambling legislation only emphasizes the need for Congress to act now. Law enforcement agencies and financial institutions must be provided with the commonsense tools necessary to enforce laws addressing this illegal activity.

“I thank Congressman Goodlatte and those joining him for ensuring that our nation’s laws are enforced. If Congress is sincere about true lobbying reform that puts the public interest first, they must move quickly to pass the Internet gambling legislation.”



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