



January 31, 2014

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Oregon State Legislature
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RE: HB4040

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Oregon Council on Problem Gambling I would like to express our appreciation for the work you and your committee members are doing to support the safety and treatment needs of individuals and families regarding disordered gambling.

The Council strongly supports the need to continue to protect Oregonians from adverse consequences related to problem gambling through a variety of best practices, including policy, implementation, follow-up, and research.

Including the legislature, Oregon Health Authority, Lottery, and community partners, such as the Oregon Council, for example, in designing and monitoring the perceived and actual balance between profitability and all aspects of the public good, will once again place Oregon at the head of the list of responsible states.

The Council's major remaining concern is the looming impact of federally legalized internet/web gambling that may be unthrottled for Oregonians if the state fails to set standards in a timely manner.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide this written testimony with apology for having conflicting engagements and not being able to present in person.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Moore". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. Below the signature, the name "Thomas L. Moore, PhD" is printed in a standard sans-serif font.

Thomas L. Moore, PhD