

To whom it may concern,

My name is Jacob Dahl and I live in Portland Oregon. I have been playing poker in Portland for over 10 years now. I am writing to relay my knowledge that poker is absolutely a game of skill. Unlike video poker machines and the lottery, poker is a game of information and making decisions based on observation - much like chess. Poker is social and is a wonderful form of entertainment for literally any age. To take away safe, legal poker for everyone would be a huge hit to people of Portland. As you could assume, if it is taken away from us everyone will just play underground games where we are at risk of robbery and cheating. So many old folk around town love to play low stakes games at the social clubs. To take that away from them would be devastating.

I hope you consider this when you guys make your decision. Poker is social, safe and is not hurting anyone. Taking it away from everyone would have many negative consequences.

Thank you,
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