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**Subject:** Please Vote NO on HB2190

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Dear Senator Knopp,

My name is Eric Roach, and I am a resident of Bend. I do not support HB2190, and I appreciate the opportunity to share my perspective with you.

By way of background, I am a CPA with an MBA, and a 25-years-married father of two young men aged 20 and 18.

Oregon's social gaming rules have provided a safe, enjoyable, social framework for poker players, as well as a reasonable business opportunity for the entrepreneurs that establish card rooms for their patrons. For a modest door fee, poker players are treated to rules-oriented, clean, well-lit, safe environments designed for poker playing. Remarkably, 100% of the players' wagers are returned to the players.

This is an experience entirely unlike a tribal casino, traditional casinos and charity poker events. In these other locations, a substantial amount of the players' wagers are kept by the "house" and never returned to the players.

I have had the opportunity to play poker in Oregon, Washington, California, Ohio, Arizona, Florida, and Nevada. Without question, the games and events I've participated in within Oregon have been the most social, enjoyable, safe, and fair.

When my brother-in-law moved to Bend, one of our first visits was to the Bend Poker Room. He promptly won a small poker tournament that evening, and the patrons and card room owner alike congratulated him on his win and his recent relocation to Oregon. I would not hesitate to recommend a visit to an Oregon card room to other family and friends who visit us from afar.

On an evening, I can enjoy the competition and camaraderie of attorneys, teachers, accountants (like me), tradesmen, retirees, tourists, cashiers, and river guides - in a word, friends.

Poker players, and Oregonians, would be less served by regular casinos and charitable/fraternal organizations. In the former case, costs are much higher to players - including money taken by the "house", and travel costs. In the latter case, the lack of proper training, knowledge of important rules of the game, and makeshift facilities make the game less pleasant and could impact the safety and fairness of the game.

Poker is a social game and one that can challenge all walks of life - a day to learn, and a lifetime to master. Oregon's social gaming rules provide a unique opportunity to enjoy this game in safety and low cost.

HB2190 does not support our game, your constituents, or Oregonians, and I ask that you reject / vote "NO" on this legislation.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss HB2190 and Oregon's social gaming rules with you or your staff, at your convenience. Please let me know how I can support more dialogue and more informed decision making in this process.

Best regards,  
Eric Roach