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To: SGGA Exhibits
Subject: VOTE NO ON HB2190

Dear Senator,

On behalf of all of Oregon's brave men and women who have served I wanted to respectfully ask you to vote no on HB2190.

I'm hoping this letter can be a voice for all of the men and women who have served our country and enjoy playing cards in their local social gaming clubs such as myself.

Here's a brief story about a good friend of mine that I hope will shine some light on just how important it is for our local vets to be able to play cards in Oregon's local card rooms.

My friends name is John Eglund, he is a Vietnam vet and lives here in Bend Oregon. Like so many other vets here in the beautiful town of Bend John loves having a safe place to have a few laughs with his friends while playing his favorite card game. Unfortunately John's health has been declining and he was recently diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, and seeing that he doesn't have anyone in the way of family near by it nice to see him smile and enjoy himself doing one of his favorite things and being surrounded by the closest thing he has to family around here.

I would hate to see John and so many other fine Oregonians lose their right to play in these local games. I myself am a 28 year old OIF/OEF vet, and I very much enjoy playing at our local gaming club here in Bend. Recently I have been very saddened hearing so many of our older vets here express such concern and dismay at the prospect of losing such an important part of their lives, I mean so many of these fine folks are hard working citizens of our community that simply can't get out there and do some of the physical activities like golf that the rest of us can enjoy on a daily basis.

The most concerning thing to me is that it's actually an out of state casino with lots of money that is pushing for this bill to be passed. Seems unfair to me to let big money from out of state come in and tell Oregon's small business owners and residents what they can and can't do.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration and thank you for protecting the rights of the citizens of this beautiful State.

Sincerely,
Azariah Wojteczko