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To: SGGA Exhibits
Subject: HB 2190

Good morning,

Please vote NO on HB 2190 today as it punishes Oregon poker players and poker clubs and only benefits Washington casinos and clubs.

I recognize that there is a legal matter and a battle going on with the issue of volunteer card dealers who work for tips in private clubs. In short:

- A DOJ ruling in 2010 said that dealers must be volunteers, not employees
- A 2014 BOLI ruling said volunteer dealers cannot work in private businesses

HB2190 attempts to solve this by requiring social games to be run by non-profit organizations. Non-profits can have volunteers according to BOLI. While this may be expedient, it is not the only solution. Another very simple alternative is to have no dealers as employees (DOJ 2010) or as volunteers (BOLI 2014). Instead, require that players must deal in rotation - like you would do in your home games.

HB 2190 is merely kicking the can down the road. It doesn't solve any of the real issues around Social Gaming in Oregon and would only delay progress toward a real solution. Please take the time to do the job right. There are many groups that have an interest in Social Gaming in Oregon that should be involved in the formation of policies and regulations that would benefit Oregonians and the Social Gaming industry. Please do not allow Washington interests to control and cripple that which belongs to Oregon.

Regards,
Bill Morrison