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Subject: Please vote NO on HB 2190

Please consider the information below, and vote NO on HB2190

Social Gaming is already LICENSED & REGULATED by local ordinances (ORS 167.121 below).

Oregon is made up of tons of different Cities/Towns & Counties.

Local Gov't has the pulse of what is right and wrong in their Communities.

By advancing HB2190, you would be casting a statewide blanket (law) over a problem that doesn't exist.

You would be "punishing" the many small poker-rooms throughout Oregon.

You would be hurting local jobs, community interaction and social entertainment centers.

But perhaps most importantly, you'd be pushing Oregon recreation dollars into the coffers of a Washington based casino.

In order to fully understand this BILL, you need to dig deeper, and understand Social Gaming.

Playing poker is fun. Players have access to play anytime they want, knowing that a safe and centralized location exists for like minded-people.

Please don't take a step backwards, and force these games back underground.

Social Game Rooms are very charitable.

Most Poker Rooms host events for established and well-known charities.

But perhaps more importantly, poker rooms are a local source of community aid.

Countless examples of charity poker tournaments are held for local community members in-need (car crash victims / surgeries/ natural disasters/ etc.). Think community charity car-wash, then upgrade it to a poker-tournament.

These frequent events really add some much needed LOCAL community aid.

The poker-community is large and strong. We don't want Oregon Law influenced by a Washington Casino. While there is no evidence to support this theory, it's not hard to see the very coincidental timing that La Center, Washington, Ilani Casino held it's Grand-Opening on the very same week that HB2190 was pushed to the Oregon Senate. HB2190 didn't materialize out of thin-air, it was specifically drafted & proposed to kill poker in Portland, and then drive all the Oregon players across the river and into the Washington casino.

How does this Bill possibly help Oregon?

HB2190 HURTS OREGON.

Thanks for listening (reading).

If you have ANY questions, I'm always available to discuss the matter.

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Pursuant to ORS 167.121, Counties and cities may, by ordinance, authorize the playing or conducting of a social game in a private business, private club or in a place of public accommodation. Such ordinances may provide for regulation or licensing of the social games authorized.