
From: Darin Stout <nystout@aol.com>
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To: Sen.MarkHass@state.or.us
Cc: SGGGA Exhibits
Subject: HB2190

Dear Senator Hass,

I am writing to encourage a no vote on HB2190, of which you are a committee member in the Senate. I am a resident of district 14, residing in Beaverton, OR. I am a small business owner in Beaverton, and a husband and father of two Beaverton Area kids. I enjoy social poker in what little free time I do have. The proponents of this bill would have you think that poker players in Oregon are shady men carrying out illegal activities. I would like you to know nothing could be further from the truth. Many weekend I enjoy social poker with an entire cross section of Oregon citizens. Old widowers, young people attending college, husband and wife couples, farmers, dentists, school teachers, all walks of life. I also personally know several of the owners and operators of these social gaming facilities and all of them run these social gaming facilities with the utmost respect and integrity. It is a thriving social community of the good people of Oregon getting together to enjoy a mental game together. If you have not visited a social poker club I would encourage and invite you to go to any of the numerous clubs around Oregon, all small Oregon businesses. I hope that all of our Senators would come see for themselves the amazing community that has been built up.

The proponents of HB2190 would also have you believe that these clubs are in effect casinos in Oregon. The clubs are nothing like casinos. The clubs make money from operations; food, beverages, and a nominal club fee. 100% of the wagers are between players unlike a casino which take a portion of each wager. In fact much of the driving force behind the push to pass HB2190 comes from casinos outside of Oregon feeling they've lost business to our social clubs. I feel disgusted that we would let other states dictate Oregon law for that state's benefit. I can only hope you feel the same.

Many thanks for your time and consideration of the matter from the perspective of one of your constituents.

Respectfully,
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PS..I am unable to attend today's hearings due to work commitments but wanted to make sure my testimony and thoughts on this matter were recorded. I urge you to vote NO on this measure and not kill something (social gaming in Oregon) that is no way, means or shape is a detriment to Oregon.