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Testimony in Support of HB 2190
Oregon Senate Committee on Government & Accountability
May 10, 2017

Good afternoon Chairman Riley, committee and staff, my name is John Bockmier and I am here to speak in **support of HB 2190**.

I am here today on behalf of my clients, the card rooms in La Center, Washington.

In May of 2013, I testified on HB 3518 before the House Rules Committee. HB 3518 was another bill which was designed to return social gaming back to a truly social and legal environment. During my testimony I spoke to the multitude of problems the social gaming industry was creating in Oregon.

Four years later, my predictions have obviously come true. The social gaming industry continues to grow and operate illegally.

This is not an unfounded claim from an "out of state" competitor. This assertion has been confirmed numerous times by a host of regulatory agencies.

In 2010, the Oregon Department of Justice issued a legal opinion on social gaming. The conclusion of that opinion states, "Private businesses may not derive any income from the game, including charging cover or extracting any money directly from the participants."

In 2015, The Oregon Department of Labor and Industries ruled that volunteer dealers were in fact employees. Numerous dealers have filed complaints and BOLI ruled in their favor. The employees were paid off with cash settlements by the social card rooms.

And finally, in 2016 the City of Portland sent a letter to all social gaming licensees clearly stating the compliance requirements for all card rooms based on the recent BOLI rulings. Many of the social gaming clubs completely ignored that directive. The City of Portland then conducted an undercover investigation of three different social gaming clubs.

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They sent in undercover agents nine different times and every single time the social gaming card rooms were found to be in violation. The list of violations includes, tipping, door fees and illegal gambling.

The current state of the social gaming poker industry in Oregon is as follows:

- It is an all cash business with absolutely no internal controls in place.
- There are no accounting requirements, no auditing requirements and no regulatory agency dedicated to enforcement.
- Dealer tips are divided up in a back room with only management present and quietly dispersed the following day.
- The games are not being conducted in a fair and balanced manner. The house commonly inserts skilled players in to active games and provides a bank roll for them to play with.

All of these factors seriously diminish the integrity of the game. This is a critical concern for my clients who have worked for thirty years to run a legal and professional gaming business where the quality and honesty of the game is not in question.

The opponents of HB 2190 have been very vocal with their push back. In closing, I would like to address a few of their claims.

HB 2190 does not eliminate jobs. Instead, it protects workers rights by terminating the absurd charade of the volunteer dealers and ensuring that employees are protected and receiving all of their appropriate benefits.

HB 2190 does not force poker to underground venues like the opponents would suggest. Poker will still be available for everyone to play. It will simply be relocated to state licensed non-profit locations where licensed gaming is already being conducted. The poker industry will finally be regulated by an experienced state agency that has been policing gaming for many years, the Oregon Department of Justice.

In closing, my clients are not trying to eliminate the competition. Our poker room has a total of five poker tables and the winner of a recent poker tournament took home \$435. Portland Meadows poker room has twenty-two tables and just concluded a poker tournament with a guaranteed \$50,000 cash prize pool. What my clients are fighting for is to protect the industries' integrity and their three decades of work they have put in to ensuring that the entire industry in the Pacific Northwest is run legally and professionally.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to speak to you this afternoon. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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POKER

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES II

\$20,000 GUARANTEED

MARCH 3rd 2017

FRIDAY - \$90 BUY-IN



(1) Live Re-buy



12k Starting Stack / 25min Levels

\$60 Add-on @ break 10k Chips

Start Time: 7pm - Late Reg. Level 6

Location: Final Table Poker Club

\$20,000 GUARANTEED

MARCH 4th 2017

SATURDAY - \$90 BUY-IN



w/Re-Entry



12k Starting Stack / 30min Levels

\$60 Add-on @ break 10k Chips

Start Time: 12pm - Late Reg. 3:35pm

Location: Portland Meadows Poker

\$30,000 GUARANTEED

MARCH 10th 2017

FRIDAY - \$100 BUY-IN



(1) Live Re-buy



12k Starting Stack / 25min Levels

\$60 Add-on @ break 10k Chips

Start Time: 7pm - Late Reg. Level 6

Location: Final Table Poker Club

\$30,000 GUARANTEED

MARCH 11th 2017

SATURDAY - \$100 BUY-IN



w/Re-Entry



12k Starting Stack / 30min Levels

\$60 Add-on @ break 10k Chips

Start Time: 12pm - Late Reg. 3:35pm

Location: Portland Meadows Poker

EARN POINTS FOR EACH CASH OVER ALL 4 EVENTS. PLAYER WITH MOST POINTS WINS CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY.

Series Locations

Portland Meadows Poker

1001 N. Schmeer Rd.

Portland, OR 97217

503.309.3087

Final Table Poker Club

2620 SE 122nd Ave.

Portland, OR 97236

503.719.5457



Portland Meadows Championship Poker Series

May 21st - 28th

OVER 200,000 in Guaranteed Prize Money

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	EVENT	BUY-IN	DOOR FEE	GUARANTEE	STACKS	LEVELS
5/21/16	SAT	12PM	TRIPLE CROWN EVENT \$110 NL Hold'Em Top 3 players win \$10,000 Main Event Seat & \$1000 travel money - w/Re-Entry & \$100 Add-On 10k Chips	EVENT 1	\$100	\$10	33,000	12,000	25
5/21/16	SAT	7PM	\$40 NL Hold'Em Main Event Satellite w/Re-Entry (4 levels) *Every \$340 in prize pool = Main Event prize	EVENT 2	\$30	\$10		8,000	20
5/22/16	SUN	12PM	\$60 NL Hold'Em w/Re-Entry (4 levels) \$40 Add-On 10k Chips	EVENT 3	\$50	\$10	10,000	12,000	30
5/22/16	SUN	7PM	\$40 NL Hold'Em Main Event Satellite w/Re-Entry (4 levels) *Every \$340 in prize pool = Main Event prize	EVENT 4	\$30	\$10		8,000	20
5/23/16	MON	12PM	\$60 NL Hold'Em No Re-Entry No Add-On	EVENT 5	\$50	\$10	4,000	15,000	20
5/23/16	MON	7PM	\$80 Bounty Tournament (\$20 Bounties Included) w/One Re-Entry (4 Levels)	EVENT 6	\$70	\$10		12,000	20
5/24/16	TUES	12PM	\$60 NL Hold'Em 6-Max/Re-Entry (4 Levels) \$20 Add-On 8k chips	EVENT 7	\$50	\$10	3,000	12,000	25
5/24/16	TUES	7PM	\$80 NL Hold'Em Monster Stack No Re-Entry \$30 Add-On 10k Chips	EVENT 8	\$70	\$10	8,000	20,000	20
5/25/16	WED	12PM	\$40 PLO Pot Limit Omaha Hi w/Re-Entry (4 Levels) \$20 Add-On 8k Chips	EVENT 9	\$30	\$10	1,500	10,000	20
5/25/16	WED	7PM	\$70 NL Hold'Em Monster Stack No Re-Entry No Add-on	EVENT 10	\$60	\$10	5,000	20,000	20
5/26/16	THU	12PM	\$60 NL Hold'Em Senior 50+ Event No Re-Entry \$20 Add-on 8k chips *1 st place Vegas Senior Event with \$500 travel*	EVENT 11	\$50	\$10	1,500	15,000	20
5/26/16	THU	7PM	\$60 Big "O" Hi/Lo Pot Limit w/Re-Entry (4 Levels) \$40 Add-On 10k Chips	EVENT 12	\$50	\$10	3,000	10,000	25
5/27/16	FRI	12PM	\$40 NL Hold'Em Main Event Satellite w/Re-Entry (4 levels) *Every \$340 in prize pool = Main Event prize	EVENT 13	\$30	\$10		8,000	20
5/27/16	FRI	7PM	\$200 NL Hold'Em No Re-Entry \$50 Add-On 10k Chips	EVENT 14	\$190	\$10	30,000	15,000	30
5/28/16	SAT	12PM	\$310 NL Hold'Em w/Re-Entry (4 levels) \$100 Add-On 10k Chips	EVENT 15	\$300	\$10	100,000	20,000	40

Guarantees are valid at all times except for major holidays and/or extreme weather conditions. *Portland Meadows reserves the right to change or cancel guarantee at its sole discretion. *All prizes awarded in cash - www.portlandmeadows.com

EPS VII

ENCORE POKER SERIES

\$200,000 GUARANTEED
over 4 days of poker!

2015 EPS VII Events (Fall Season)

Date/Time	Events	Buy-in	Guarantee
Thur, Oct 29 @8pm	Event #1. NL Hold'em T15,000, 1 Rebuy, \$50 Add-on(T10,000), 25min blinds	\$100	\$20,000
Fri, Oct 30 @8pm	Event #2. NL Hold'em T15,000, 1 Rebuy, \$60 Add-on(T10,000), 25min blinds	\$150	\$30,000
Sat, Oct 31 @1pm	Event #3. NL Hold'em T25,000, Re-Entry, \$100 Add-on(T15,000), 35min blinds	\$250	\$50,000
Sun, Nov 1 @Noon	Main Event. NL Hold'em T30,000, Re-Entry, \$200 Add-on(T20,000), 40min blinds	\$500	\$100,000



