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**From:** Stacey Vaughn <stacelin34@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 1:09 PM  
**To:** SGGA Exhibits  
**Subject:** HB 2190

Dear Senate Committee,

In regards to HB 2190, which will have the effect of shutting down dozens of well established poker rooms around the state of Oregon, please consider the following:

There is controversy and debate as to whether poker rooms are currently being run legally or illegally in the eyes of Oregon law, this is not disputed. Blindly shutting down all poker rooms in Oregon would in fact end this controversy, that is also not disputed. However, please consider the following impact:

Regardless of the current laws and definitions, we have a situation in Oregon where there are dozens of poker rooms around the state. These rooms provide a safe place for responsible social gaming, inclusive of many underserved populations, such as senior citizens. Oregon poker rooms employ hundreds of people as supervisors, cooks, wait-staff, cleaning staff, etc... Oregon poker rooms keep poker out of the underground private-games. Oregon poker rooms provide an opportunity for Oregon to generate revenue from social gaming and provide safe common-sense oversight.

Shutting down these rooms immediately puts dozens of card room owners out of business: stuck with their building lease, left with the bills of the materials they purchased, and without work. Hundreds of support staff will also lose their jobs. Shutting down social gaming and poker in Oregon is not an answer that supports local businesses, job creation, entrepreneurship, and safe and responsible social gaming.

Laws are meant to serve the best interest of the people and the society the people want to create. Oregon's current situation, where small-business poker rooms are well supported by their communities, shows that the controversial laws are the problem and not the rooms themselves.

Transparently, those in favor of HB 2190 are not trying to shut down poker rooms because poker is a bane of society, but because these establishments want to be the only game in town. HB 2190 is not as much about poker and social gaming as it is about trying to restrict the operation of well-established small business poker rooms.

It is in the best interest of Oregon and social gaming that you vote no on HB 2190, and that a new committee is created to properly establish laws which govern Oregon's social gaming and poker community. Do not put hundreds of business owners and employees out of work due to this poorly constructed bill. Let poker rooms continue to operate while Oregon legislators, business owners, and poker players work together to form comprehensive legislation that makes sense for social gaming.

No one is advocating for the operation of illegal poker rooms, but rather, we are pleading that our legislators look at the reality of the situation and the development of the poker room in Oregon and support social gaming legislation that allows such small businesses to flourish, and not pass legislation which "throws the baby out with the bath water."

Please vote no on HB 2190 and voice your support for a revision of the social gaming laws which work for Oregon.

Thank you,

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