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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
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The Honorable Bob Goodlatte
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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
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The Honorable John Conyers
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Dear Senators Grassley and Leahy, and Representatives Goodlatte and Conyers:

As President of the National Council of Legislators from Gaming States (NCLGS) and as a fellow elected official, I urge you to oppose any proposal that includes the "The Restoration of America's Wire Act." Any legislation, proposing to amend the Wire Act to prohibit transmission of wagering information for all types of gambling activities, including Internet gambling, would effectively preempt the states' historical ability to properly regulate gaming. It is NCLGS' strong conviction, as legislators who chair and are members of the legislative committees that work diligently to develop sound public gaming policy, that states are the most appropriate entity to decide upon, and oversee, what kind of gaming should exist and what should not within their borders.

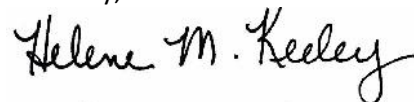
States have the expertise, developed over many years of experience, to oversee gaming for the best outcomes to the states and their consumers. Recognizing this, Congress in the Interstate Horse Racing Act found that "the States should have the primary responsibility for determining what forms of gambling may legally take place within their borders," not only terrestrially, but via "electronic media."

To be clear, NCLGS does not support or oppose legalization of Internet gaming and realizes that technological advances in gaming—Internet or otherwise—present multiple social and economic policy issues to be considered. NCLGS has recently finalized its State Internet Gaming Policy Framework to safeguard both states that wish to participate in Internet gaming and those that do not.

States like Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, Utah, and Maine have recently passed bills to expand, legalize, or prohibit Internet gaming, and many others are currently considering measures. We assert that each state can and should determine what will best reflect and serve the needs of its residents.

Thank you for the consideration of our perspective, which we ask that you bear in mind as Congress deliberates upon this issue.

Sincerely,



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NCLGS President

cc: The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Majority Leader, U.S. Senate
The Honorable Harry Reid, Minority Leader, U.S. Senate
The Honorable John Boehner, Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, Majority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Democratic Leader, U.S. House of Representatives
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