Proudly Serving Charitable Gambling Organizations throughout Minnesota

Dear Chair and Members of the Senate Commerce Committee,

On behalf of Allied Charities of Minnesota, representing more than 1,100 nonprofit organizations conducting lawful charitable gambling across the state, I write to express support for SF4474.

Charitable gambling plays an important role in communities throughout Minnesota, generating significant funding each year for youth sports, veterans programs, health services, fire departments, and other local needs. This work depends on a well-regulated gaming system that prioritizes transparency, accountability, and community benefit.

The growth of sweepstakes-style online gaming platforms raises important questions about consistency in enforcement and fairness across Minnesota's gaming landscape. These platforms operate outside the state's established regulatory framework while offering products that resemble traditional gaming, creating an uneven environment for licensed operators.

SF4474 provides an opportunity to clarify state law and reinforce Minnesota's longstanding approach to regulated gaming. Ensuring that all gaming activities operate under the same rules helps protect consumers and supports the charitable and public purposes that authorized gaming serves.

We appreciate your consideration and respectfully encourage your support of SF4474.

Sincerely,

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