Minnesota Indian Gaming Association MIGA

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Chairman Klein and Members of the Senate Commerce Committee,

On behalf of the nine member tribes of the Minnesota Indian Gaming Association, please accept this letter in support of SF4474, Sen. Rasmussen's bill to ban sweepstakes casinos.

Sweepstakes casinos are unregulated and illegal gaming platforms which compete against existing, regulated gaming providers in the state, and they advertise here every day. Internet casinos are illegal under Minnesota law, and these products, which masquerade as "free to play", are exactly that.

These companies, which operate I-casinos such as Chumba, Stake and Wow Vegas, offer every casino game imagined, and hide behind a deceptive dual-currency model, designed to skirt existing gaming laws. 25+ states have seen through this deception and responded with bans, restrictions or have legislation pending. SF4474 follows that lead and rightfully asserts that internet gambling in Minnesota is illegal until the Legislature says otherwise.

We also thank Sen. Rasmussen for narrowly crafting this bill to not interfere with currently legal, promotional tools. Any sweepstakes that doesn't use dual-currency and casino games should continue to be allowed, and SF4474 recognizes that.

Again, thanks to the bill's author and co-authors, Chair Klein and the full Commerce Committee. SF4474 protects Minnesota consumers, and the legal forms of gaming like tribal, lottery, horse track and charitable, that all bring great benefit to the state.



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