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The Honorable John Payne
Chairman, House Gaming Oversight Committee
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Dear Chairman Payne:

The Pennsylvania Association of Nationally Chartered Organizations fully supports Rep. Robert Matzie's resolution, HR 619, urging the U.S. Congress to lift the Federal ban on sports betting and allowing states to authorize and license its use.

While the resolution specifically mentions the benefits to Pennsylvania's casino industry, it should be noted that lifting the ban would also benefit those organizations which are licensed under the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act.

Act 92 of 2013, amending the LOSGOC, authorized pools as a type of game allowed under the LOSGOC. The Act further emphasized that a pool must comply with the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act. This caveat prohibits licensees under the Act from holding pools such as a Super Bowl Pool. Lifting the ban under PASPA would allow organizations such as American Legions, VFW's, Elks, Moose and other fraternal and social groups to operate and offer pools based on sporting events.

Your support in urging Congress to lift the ban is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Thomas W. Helsel, Jr.

cc: Gaming Oversight Committee Members
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