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Dear Congressman:

As you consider "The Restoration of America's Wire Act" (RAWA), I urge you to reject the federalization of this issue, and instead allow the states to continue making their own decisions about the regulation of intrastate online gambling, just as they have done with brick-and-mortar gambling for hundreds of years. Although strong opinions and business interests exist on both sides of the gambling issue, fundamentally this is a question of the defense of the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Strong differences of opinion exist about the appropriate level of regulation of online gambling, both among and between civil libertarians and law-and-order conservatives. Some believe a legal regulatory regime is the best way to protect consumers and children, while some believe that a ban is ideal. Importantly, with many states facing budgetary challenges, some states look to a legal regime for online gambling as an alternative to yet more tax increases on already burdened taxpayers.

Fortunately, the Constitution provides an answer for these strong differences of opinion: the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment provides (or should provide) for states to make their own decisions about these issues.

Precedent since the birth of the Republic has been to leave decisions about gambling in the hands of the states. It has served the country well for these matters to be settled at the state level, and we encourage you to allow them to remain there. We call on you to reject the approach of RAWA this Congress. States are more than capable of handling this issue on their own.

Onward,

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