

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

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Dear Colleague:

A recent poll found that 67% of Americans oppose changing federal law to allow Internet gambling, which explains the overwhelmingly bipartisan 317-93 vote in the House in 2006 to pass a strong ban on Internet gambling. Ultimately, one piece of that House-passed bill, a law cutting off the money supply to illegal Internet gambling companies, was signed into law. However, some in Congress want to overturn this new law before the regulations are even implemented and go further by allowing offshore Internet gambling companies to offer gambling in the homes of all U.S. citizens.

Congress should oppose efforts to overturn current laws to legalize this activity. Gambling wreaks havoc on our nation's families, especially our youth and problem gamblers. A constituent of one of ours – a college student – racked up such a huge Internet gambling debt that he committed suicide to escape it. Unfortunately, his story is not unique.

The effect of efforts to legalize Internet gambling would be to bring all the trappings of a bricks-and-mortar casino into the living rooms and dorm rooms of every American without even the basic safeguards associated with physical casinos.

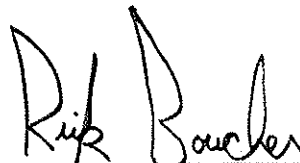
But don't take our word for it. 45 attorneys general recently sent a letter to Congress opposing federal efforts to legalize and regulate Internet gambling, citing, among other problems, the fact that it would impede the states' ability to prosecute those that violate gambling laws.

We urge you to continue to oppose efforts to overturn current law to legalize Internet gambling.

Sincerely,



Bob Goodlatte
Member of Congress



Rick Boucher
Member of Congress