

## LETTER TO MEMBER OF CONGRESS—AFTER

January 1, 2017

The Honorable John Doe  
2222 Rayburn House Office Building  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

### **Re: Vote No on H.R. 717**

Dear Rep. Doe:

As an online poker player, I encourage you to vote No on Rep. Chaffetz's bill seeking to ban online gambling in the three states (Delaware, Nevada, and New Jersey) where it is permitted.

None of the arguments supporting passage are valid:

- **Family values should not be considered.** That some in Congress believe gambling is immoral, addictive, and corrupts our youth reflects a minority view out of touch with contemporary America.
- **Concerns about verifying age and residency are not valid.** Online gambling companies use multiple techniques to prevent minors and out-of-state residents from participating. The site I visit, Caesars Interactive, for example, uses eight forms of sophisticated verification technologies to ensure that out-of-state residents are unable to access their site.
- **Casinos don't deserve special protection.** That online gambling—and the jobs they create—may threaten the livelihood of brick-and-mortar casinos does not justify restricting free market innovation.

I urge you to vote No on this bill.

Sincerely,

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