

September 21, 2000

Honorable Governor Gray Davis  
Governor of California  
Office of the Governor  
Sacramento, CA. 95814

RE: Veto Request of AB 2760

Dear Governor Davis:

Stand Up For California is respectfully writing to ask that you veto AB 2760 — a bill that will expand gambling in both rural and metropolitan areas. This bill has the potential to make California the “bookie” of the nation.

The gambling industry once again played with parliamentary procedure. Many of our supporters have sent letters opposing AB 1405. AB 1405 was placed in the “inactive files” and was never voted upon by the Senate. Then on August 29, 2000, the exact wording of AB 1405 was amended into AB 2760 authored by Assembly Member Wesson. This bill was passed in the last frantic hours of the legislative 2000 session.

- Telephone wagering is the ultimate expansion of gambling in California. This presents many new issues concerning the lack of regulations and oversight of this industry.
- AB 2760 provides no money for the State’s General Fund, yet the State will have the expense of regulatory issues.

The fifteen tracks that exist in California already complain that they loose \$30,000,000 dollars a year. But how can they loose what they have not made? The tracks have available to them 77 weeks of racing but only have competition for 55 weeks of racing. New tracks would only further saturate the market and impair the earnings of the existing facilities, threatening the livelihood of their employees and ownership.

Stand Up For California asks that you veto this bill that is touted as necessary to level the playing field for California’s vested gambling interests. This is part of a race of expansion, we ask that you veto this bill and send a clear message to California’s gambling industry, that you truly mean only a “modest expansion of gambling”.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Schmit  
Co Director