

July 17, 2000

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

RE: AB 2788 authored by Assembly Man Bret Granlund

Dear Governor Davis,

Stand Up For California is writing to you today to respectfully request that you sign AB 2788 by Assembly Man Bret Granlund. Stand Up For California supports that portion of this bill that closes a loophole in existing law, so that card clubs with five or fewer tables will be significantly limited in their ability to expand without seeking a vote of the citizens.

Under existing law, there are provisions, which require that an expansion of twenty five percent or more in the number of card tables must be submitted to the electors. However, legislation was written so that this provision of the bill does not apply to small card clubs with five or few tables. The potential exists for a card club with four tables to expand to 40 tables or more.

Stand Up For California also supports those provisions in the bill, which provide for increased penalties for those convicted of bookmaking.

This bill does have some components of concern to Stand Up For California, such as the change in when the anti or the blind will be paid and the issue of private clubs, however, these issues will not expand gambling, while the other components are beneficial to citizens in their local communities.

As long as this bill remains in its current form Stand Up For California requests you sign this legislation into law. This bill eliminates gambling expansion without the mandate of the citizens of a community.

Sincerely,

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Co Director