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Honorable Alberto Torrico
Chairman – G. O. Committee
California State Assembly
State Capitol – Room 3160
Sacramento, CA. 95814

RE: AB 1339 Support

Dear Chairman Torrico:

Thank you for your efforts to address this serious and growing problem in California. This bill along with your many recent quotes in the press demonstrates your sincere willingness to address concerns affecting the welfare of the public as the industry of gaming expands.

While Stand Up For California is in support of your legislation AB 1339 we hope that your staff will continue to review the language of the legislation to ensure that appropriate funding is provided to enable the office to perform the outlined tasks. Moreover, we urge a second look at of the size and makeup of the proposed advisory committee. Our concerns are over potential duplication or unnecessary positions.

AB 1339 requires the state’s Office of Problem Gambling to develop a strategic plan to research, prevent, intervene and treat problem and pathological gamblers. This plan will boost efforts to heighten public awareness, provide toll-free crisis management and referral, research the best prevention and treatment methods, and cross-train existing mental health treatment providers. The plan would be delivered by January 1, 2009.

Support AB 1339

Sincerely,

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