



PECHANGA INDIAN RESERVATION

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Senate Pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg
State Capitol Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

Honorable Roderick Wright
State Capitol, Room 5064
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1463 (Wright-Steinberg) – oppose unless amended

Dear Senators Steinberg and Wright:

The Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians strongly opposes SB 1463 (Wright-Steinberg) as submitted in its current form. The bill, as presented, has numerous fatal flaws that undermine tribal sovereignty and the decades of work that California tribes have committed to making Indian gaming successful for our communities and the State of California.

Senate Bill 1463 fails to consider the relationship between the State and California tribes as equal sovereigns. The bill makes unilateral legislative declarations that the bill does not violate tribal rights under current Tribal-State gaming compacts and further demands tribes relinquish their sovereignty to participate in Internet poker in California. Senate Bill 1463 also unnecessarily expands the scope of gaming throughout California, proposing to allow horse racing facilities and advance deposit wagering facilities the ability to engage in gaming activities never contemplated by Californians in those industries.

Further, discussions with associations on this issue cannot substitute input from tribal governments. Accordingly, and as a matter of respect for the government-to-government relationships that exist between the State and Tribes, we urge you to provide Tribal Governments with a meaningful role in the crafting of this legislation, which will have a profound and lasting impact on future generations.

The Pechanga Band is unable to support SB 1463 unless significantly amended to address numerous concerns. We encourage the Legislature to continue to be deliberate and judicious about authorization of Internet Gambling. We share your goal of ensuring the outcome is beneficial for the State, the Tribes, and the people of California.

On behalf of the Pechanga Tribal Council,

Mark Macarro
Pechanga Tribal Chairman

CC: The Honorable Jerry Brown
Members of the California State Legislature
California Tribal Governments