

Stand Up For California!

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Honorable Bill Dodd
California State Senator
State Capitol Room 4032
Sacramento, CA. 95814

RE: SCA 6 – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Dodd:

Stand Up For California, (Stand Up), is a statewide organization with a focus on gambling issues affecting California, including tribal gaming, card clubs and the state lottery. We have been involved in the ongoing debate of issues raised by tribal gaming and its impacts for over two decades. Since 1996 we have assisted individuals, community groups, elected officials and members of law enforcement, local public entities and the State of California as respects to gaming impacts. We are recognized and act as a resource of information to local, state and federal policy makers.

Stand Up writes regarding your effort to amend the State Constitution to provide the State Legislature the ability to authorize and provide regulation for sports wagering. The language of SCA-6 (h) is straightforward and offers sports betting to *all parties*.¹ SCA-6 (h) provides the opportunity for the voters to decide whether or not the State should expand gambling to include sports wagering. SCA-6 is consistent with Stand Up’s priority to provide citizens a voice in gambling issues that will impact their communities.

We view SCA-6 as a protective action on the part of the State Legislature due to the filing of a self-serving ballot measure by 18 Tribal governments. The Tribe’s sports wagering measure seeks anti-ethical dominance of California’s legitimate right to offer and regulate its commercial gaming industry usurping the authority of State Legislators and Regulators. Voters deserve a ballot measure that is consistent with all other provisions of state law. SCA-6 provides the California electorate a choice that will provide all parties a voice in the future as the new industry of sports wagering evolves.

As a watchdog, Stand Up seeks a public policy that ensures all gambling operators are suitable, have good character, are honest and have integrity. Sports wagering *may* potentially provide additional revenue to the State’s coffers. But to be profitable and endure overtime the industry must be well-regulated with significant internal controls in place. There must be significant accounting of funds taken in and collection of all fees and

¹ “no citizen or class of citizens may not be granted privileges and immunities not granted on the same terms to all citizens” (California Constitution (Art.1 Sec. 7 (b))). *The Tribal ballot measure grants sports wagering to racetracks but bans all others.*

taxes. There must be protections for problem and compulsive gambling addicts. Most importantly, there must be significant enforcement mechanisms to ensure the wellbeing of the public and good working order of government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl A. Schmit". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

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