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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

I write to express my concerns with your recent signing of two tribal-state gaming compacts in California.

Considering the significant impact of the 57 existing casinos in California, I do not support the expansion of gaming to off-reservation sites. Opening this door sets a dangerous precedent for the future of our State. New casinos would impair local communities, area residents, local governments, and other Native American tribes, and impact the environment, air quality, noise levels, and quality of life.

I continue to be concerned with the insufficient oversight of existing casinos, and believe these should be addressed before new casinos are established. In the absence of established State regulations and with only five investigators and two auditors for the National Indian Gaming Commission's California and Northern Nevada regional office to maintain the integrity of these gaming operations, expansion into off-reservation gaming is inopportune and irresponsible. These agreements put the future of gaming in California on a slippery slope, and I disagree that any financial benefit will outweigh the significant costs that Californians will be forced to bear.

To put it plainly, we need to say "enough is enough" in California. I urge you to reconsider your support should you consider additional tribal gaming compacts in California. If you have any questions regarding this issue or would like to further discuss the matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dianne Feinstein".

Dianne Feinstein

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator