



March 8, 2018

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL
AND HAND DELIVERED

The Honorable Travis Hutson
314 Senate Office Building
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Re: Gaming Conference

Dear Chairman Hutson,

On behalf of No Casinos, Inc., I am writing to reaffirm our opposition to the Florida Senate's current position on gambling in Florida as expressed both in SB 840 and the delete-everything amendment placed on HB 7067 and passed in the Florida Senate on March 7, 2018.

In our letter dated January 17, 2018 we outlined provisions in SB 840 that we felt could expand gambling and cost the State of Florida millions of dollars in revenue. Those provisions: vague language dealing with so-called "fantasy contests"; reducing the tax rate on slot machines at South Florida pari-mutuel facilities; legalization of designated player games despite a judge finding them to be in violation of the Compact with the Seminole Tribe of Florida, remain in the legislation. To make matters worse for Floridians, the Senate added language to both SB 840 and HB 7067 that would allow up to 6,000 new slot machines to come to Florida, turning dozens of pari-mutuels into mini-casinos in our state.

These provisions contained in the Senate bill language will cause a massive expansion of gambling, threatening our state's families, businesses and our state's family-friendly brand, a multi-billion dollar investment which is the envy of the rest of the nation.

For these reasons, we urge you to adopt the House position, which holds the line on the expansion of gambling in Florida.

Thank you for your consideration.

- Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Seago".

Paul Seago
Executive Director
No Casinos, Inc.

cc: The Honorable Lizbeth Benacquisto
The Honorable Bobby Powell
The Honorable Mike La Rosa
The Honorable Joseph Geller
The Honorable Jared Moskowitz

The Honorable Ray Rodrigues
The Honorable Ralph Massullo. MD
The Honorable Holly Raschein
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