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The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. Senate  
437 Russell Senate Office Building  
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The Honorable Bob Goodlatte  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chuck Grassley  
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary  
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The Honorable John Conyers  
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senators Leahy and Grassley, and Representatives Goodlatte and Conyers:

As leaders of the National Council of Legislators from Gaming States (NCLGS) and as fellow elected officials, we urge you to oppose recently introduced House Bill 4301/Senate Bill 2159, "The Restoration of America's Wire Act." This legislation, proposing to amend the Wire Act to prohibit transmission of wagering information for all types of gambling activities, including Internet gambling, would effectively preempt the states' historical ability to properly regulate gaming. It is our strong conviction, as legislators who chair and are members of the legislative committees that work diligently to develop sound public gaming policy, that states are the most appropriate entity to decide upon, and oversee, what kind of gaming should exist and what should not within their borders.

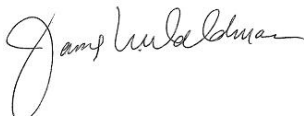
States have the expertise, developed over many years of experience, to oversee gaming for the best outcomes to the states and their consumers. Recognizing this, Congress in the Interstate Horse Racing Act found that "the States should have the primary responsibility for determining what forms of gambling may legally take place within their borders," not only terrestrially, but via "electronic media."

To be clear, NCLGS does not support or oppose legalization of Internet gaming and realizes that technological advances in gaming—Internet or otherwise—present multiple social and economic policy issues to be considered. NCLGS is currently working on a State Internet Gaming Policy Framework to safeguard both states that wish to participate in Internet gaming and those that do not.

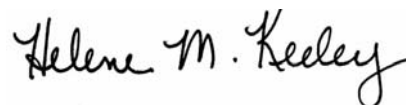
States like Delaware, Nevada, New Jersey, Utah, and Maine have recently passed bills to expand, legalize, or prohibit Internet gaming, and many others are currently considering measures. We assert that each state can and should determine what will best reflect and serve the needs of its residents.

Thank you for the consideration of our perspective, which we ask that you bear in mind as Congress deliberates upon this issue.

Sincerely,



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NCLGS President



Rep. Helene Keeley, DE  
NCLGS Secretary

cc: The Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, U.S. Senate  
The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader, U.S. Senate  
The Honorable John Boehner, Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives  
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives  
The Honorable Kelly Ayotte, U.S. Senate  
The Honorable Emanuel Cleaver, U.S. House of Representatives  
The Honorable Tulsi Gabbard, U.S. House of Representatives  
The Honorable James Lankford, U.S. House of Representatives  
The Honorable Jim Matheson, U.S. House of Representatives  
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