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NCLGS URGES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT STATES' RIGHTS ON INTERNET GAMING

Washington, DC, April 9, 2014—Today the National Council of Legislators from Gaming States (NCLGS) submitted a letter to Congressional leadership opposing the recently introduced "Restoration of America's Wire Act" and urging Congress to support states' rights. The legislation, by expanding the 1961 Wire Act, would effectively preempt the historical and constitutional right of states to regulate gambling within their borders.

The letter, signed by NCLGS President Rep. Jim Waldman (FL) and NCLGS Secretary Rep. Helene Keeley (DE) states, "It is our strong conviction, as legislators who are chairs and members of the legislative committees that work diligently to develop sound gaming policy, that states are the most appropriate entity to decide upon and oversee what kind of gaming should and should not be permitted within their borders."

NCLGS does not support or oppose the legalization of Internet gaming by any individual state. Delaware, Nevada, New Jersey, Utah and Maine, for example, have all recently passed laws to expand, legalize, or prohibit Internet gaming, and nearly a dozen other states are currently debating Internet gaming. NCLGS believes that decisions relating to Internet gaming should be made by the citizens of the states and their elected officials and opposes any federal legislation that would diminish state policymaker authority over gaming related issues.

Recognizing both the threats and opportunities posed by new technologies and Internet gaming, NCLGS is currently working on a State Internet Gaming Policy Framework, a set of standards to help safeguard both states that wish to participate in Internet gaming and those that do not.

NCLGS is the only non-partisan organization of state lawmakers that meets on a regular basis to discuss issues in regard to gaming. NCLGS does not support or oppose gaming, but supports effective regulation and believes that decisions related to gaming should be made by the citizens of the individual states and their elected officials. More information is available at www.nclgs.org.

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