

Gambling Expansion Forces Are Gaining Momentum WE NEED TO ACT NOW!

Our pleas to protect Charitable Gambling in the legislative process appear to be falling on deaf ears at the Minnesota Legislature and in the Governor's Office. **We all need to act now to protect our communities and the worthy programs and projects we support!**

The Minnesota Legislature will be taking their annual Easter Break from Wednesday afternoon, March 23, 2005 until Tuesday noon, March 29, 2005. As most Legislators will be home in their districts during the Easter Break we need you and members/employees of your organization/company to contact your House and Senate members and let them know that Charitable Gambling is seriously threatened by the State Casino(s)/Racino(s) gambling expansion proposals. We also need you to contact Gov. Pawlenty's office at 612-296-3391/800-657-3717 with the same message.

These proposed new gambling sites will ignite an explosive competitive environment throughout Minnesota that will weaken our Charitable Gambling customer base and cost us millions of dollars in lost revenue.

During the Legislative Easter Break we recommend that anyone and everyone involved in Charitable Gambling contact their Minnesota State Representative & Senator at home and *let them know that if gambling in Minnesota is going to be expanded in order for Charitable Gambling to remain a viable and effective community-based fund-raising activity we need a significant Charitable Gambling tax reduction & the opportunity to offer Sports-Themed Tipboards (HF 1092 Rep. Hackbarth/SF1392 Sen. Lourey).*

Charitable Gambling needs to be protected to ensure the programs we support in our communities are not endangered. Please take the time to contact your local Legislators during the Legislative Easter Break. THANKS!!!



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