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Dear Attorney General Healey:

One reason we voted for you is we understood you opposed the expansion of government-sponsored gaming in Massachusetts. We are very disturbed about the possibility of on-line gaming and sports betting being allowed in order to compete with the casinos and fantasy sports. Why aren't you calling for a ban on such activity as they are in some other states?

On-line and sports betting are designed to lure in the younger generation who prefer to gamble on their electronic devices using credit cards. Since we have two teenage granddaughters coming along, we are obviously concerned. Also, if sports betting comes in, the incentive will be to "fix" the sports games. There have already been incidents in international soccer and current in professional tennis.

We see government-sponsored gaming as a conflict of interest and not a healthy way for a state or community to raise money. Many people will be hurt by gaming. The government is suppose to be protecting ALL the people. We feel the acquisition of money is being put ahead of the general good.

As I write, MGM is building an urban casino in the middle of Springfield complete with 3,000 computer-programmed slot machines. This in a city of 154,000 where most of us are either low income or lower middle income, where there is a huge gang and drug problem (18 murders in 2015), and right in the middle of a low income neighborhood. We feel we have lost our home town.

Please do not allow on-line and sports betting here.

Respectfully,

David & Eileen Pratt