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My politics vary, though I tend to be somewhat on the conservative side, but truthfully closer to a libertarian. While I understand the sentiment to protect compulsive and irresponsible gamblers from themselves, I believe it contrary to the right to freedom of choice, and an excuse in a country that is only as strong as the character and personal responsibility of its citizens. Therefore, I am pleased that AG Healey came to a fair compromise with regards to her advisement.

I am a responsible gambler. I've only been to a Casino twice and spent little money. I play scratch tickets invariably. I am not married, live alone and support myself. While I make a decent salary, it is difficult for me to save money at a rate I would like, so hitting on a scratch ticket for even 1k would be huge for me, so I play here and there hoping I will maybe hit for something decent despite the low probability.

I've been a football fan for years, and only last year got involved with season long fantasy football leagues with some friends. I decided to check out Fanduel, and enjoyed the experience enough to continue to play games through the NBA season and once again this season for football. I can say from experience, it is a game of skill. Not that luck isn't involved. I found the more research I did, the better I did in the contests I would play on the site. I generally broke even, with a limited expense to my personal finances. While research and certain approaches help, there is an undeniable fact that it is impossible to consistently predict outcomes for multiple players at multiple positions. Hence the "luck" factor. In the "tournaments" on these sites where you can enter for 20 or so dollars and win up to a million, the unpredictability of individual player outcomes works to even the playing field so that a seasoned player has a marginal advantage over someone who is much less knowledgeable or experienced.

With the current advisement of the AG, I will be able to continue to enjoy playing on these sites. I hope that this is what happens, and a simple, law-abiding taxpayer like myself can enjoy the DFS experience.